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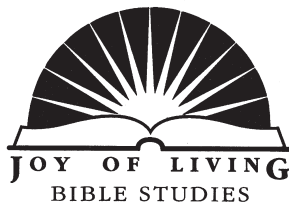
Joy of Living Genesis Youth Bible Study

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Before you begin

An ideal curriculum for home-school, Bible class, Sunday School or personal Bible study, **Joy of Living Youth Curriculum** is flexible and easy to use. Each lesson covers the same scripture passage as the adult **Joy of Living Study**.

Age:

This course encourages students of various ages to develop a habit of personal Bible study. Since the study requires reading the Bible and writing answers to the questions, the minimum age should be about 6 years old. Although the questions are geared to about age 10, older students will profit by gaining a basic knowledge of the Bible. Students over the age of 14 may be mature enough to study the adult **Joy of Living** course.

The lessons:

The study is divided into weekly units. Each week is divided into three sections:

- a suggested class schedule including craft and game ideas
- leader's lesson sheets (these contain the answers for the lesson completed by the students during the previous week)
- student questions for the next lesson (these are passed out at the end of the class)

Students complete the written lessons at home and are encouraged to do a few questions each day rather than trying to complete all the questions in one day. This will aid the students in developing a pattern of daily Bible Study. The "HARD" and "RISKY" questions are to inspire the student to think and reason and help them dig deeper into God's Word.

For homeschool or personal Bible study:

The curriculum may be used in a variety of ways:

- Lessons may be completed by the individual student and graded for accuracy. Discussion time is optional, although it is encouraged.
- Students within the same family or group may work on the lessons together. A discussion time with a parent or other adult is suggested.
- Adults may work one-on-one with the student(s) while they complete the lesson.
- Lessons may be used as part of family devotions. Read the portions of scripture aloud and use the questions to prompt discussion of the Bible passage.

For use with groups:

There is great flexibility in implementing this curriculum. Since each class has its own needs, space, finances, and time frame the class schedule is supplied as a general outline and can be changed to suit specific situations and needs.

Each class session has free time, recreation/snack time, question discussion time, and craft time.

Remember — Keep the pace moving to avoid boredom and trouble, while providing continuity.

Suggested time schedule to be adapted to individual group:

- 15 - 20 minutes — unstructured free time
- 15 - 20 minutes — game/snack time
- 15 - 20 minutes — discussion time
- remaining time for craft

Helpful Hints for Groups

Facility/Equipment

- Whatever the class size, access to a gym or large game room is worthwhile for team play and group activities.
- If the church has the room, a separate cupboard for supplies is a plus.
- A volleyball or similar ball is good to have on hand for a variety of games.

Discussion Time

- Use the counting off system to divide the class into groups for discussion time. (Avoid, if possible, separating into groups according to age or family.)
- Each discussion group should have an adult leader. Older children should not be used (unless absolutely necessary) as leaders or sitters; they are there for fellowship and learning, too.
- With many of the questions there is no right or wrong answer. The questions are to encourage the student to think and reason and to dig deeper into God's Word. However, since discussion time is also a form of teaching, the leaders are given answers on their question sheets to aid them in the discussion, with occasional commentary insights added in brackets.
- As you discuss the lesson be careful not to belittle a student's opinion or idea. Even if the answer is wrong you can encourage the student by saying something similar to, "I like to see that you're thinking, do you think perhaps...(then give the correct answer)" or "I can see that you are thinking about the question, does anyone else have thoughts on this question?"

Teachers/Leaders/Helpers

- The number of leaders and helpers is determined by the size of the class. The ideal situation is one discussion leader per every 5 children.
- In addition to the main leader, it is helpful to have a game leader and craft leader.
- Responsibilities are determined within each class structure.

- Parent volunteers may be requested when extra help is needed. If there is a large number of children, the parents have to volunteer only once or twice the entire year.
- Scheduling parents to bring treats is a financial bonus. Keeping cost to a minimum is being a good steward of God's resources.

Game Time

Although board games, puzzles, hidden pictures, crosswords, coloring, and quiet activities do not keep the attention of active children, they should not be ruled out as alternative game time activities. Ball games, races, or tag games are suggested for holding everyone's interest.

Suggestions for obtaining craft ideas & supplies:

Garage/yard/rummage sales

library craft books

children's magazines

YMCA, Park & Recreation Dept., churches (almost every city has a summer program for children, which includes a craft time; they may have leftover craft supplies they would like to donate)

Supplies to have on hand:

glue, glue sticks, glue gun

scissors (at least 1 pair for every 2 students)

paint (tempera—washable)

paint brushes

paper towels

newspapers

construction paper

crayons

colored markers

colored pencils

paper cups, napkins (snack time)

various items to pass in relay races

balls, basketball, nerf, etc.

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Games listed by week

1	Concentration	15	Message Relay
2	Jump Rope Or Pass Frisbees	16	Rescue Relay
3	Huckleberry Beanstalk	17	Relay/Obstacle Race
4	Barnyard	18	Simple Relay
5	Message Relay	19	Spoon Relay
6	Indian Running	20	Quick Observation
7	Bible Trivia Challenge	21	Shep Shepherds Simple Sheep
8	Knock, Knock	22	Barnyard
9	One Handed Relay	23	Rescue Relay
10	Hot Seat	24	Catch The Cane
11	Newspaper Basketball	25	Hide & Seek With A Twist
12	What's Hidden?	26	Base Tag
13	Cards And Hat	27	Balloon Football
14	Bible Trivia Challenge	28	Bedlam

Crafts listed by week

1	Color Pictures, Work On Puzzles, Play Board Games	15	Milk Box Birdfeeder
2	Seed Planting	16	Sun-Catchers Mobile
3	Stained Glass Window	17	Yarn Poster
4	Cupcake Bouquet	18	Sugar Cube Frame Picture
5	Glass Painting	19	Rubber Stamps
6	Family Tree	20	Spice Ropes
7	Napkin Rings	21	Popsicle Stick Puzzle
8	Tile Magnet	22	Bread Dough Sculptures
9	Soap Balls	23	Laminated Bookmarks
10	Spiral Puzzle	24	Sand Terrarium
11	Coffee Can Cookie Jars	25	Tile Trivets
12	Hand-Made Postcards	26	Rice Rabbit
13	Stencil Mosaic	27	Fashion Plate Or Glass
14	Paint Plaster Of Paris Molds	28	Food Day

GENESIS — WEEK ONE

NO LESSON DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack/group recreation: CONCENTRATION

This is a good get-acquainted game. Players sit in a circle; each child wears name tag. If more than one child has the same name, add the first initial of their last names. The leader begins by calling out the name of a player, who calls out the name of another player, etc. **EXAMPLE:** the leader calls “Kathy,” who in turns calls “Mike,” who calls out “Jennifer,” etc. If a player does not respond when his name is called, or if one responds at the wrong time, or if he calls his own name, he is out of the game.

15 - 20 minutes discuss class rules/procedures

to end of class Color pictures, work on puzzles, play board games

GENESIS — LESSON 1

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 1, verses 1 - 8.

1. How does Genesis 1, verse 2 say the earth looked?

a. What did God do to make the light?

b. What did He call the light?

c. What did He call the dark?

3. How does Psalm 33:9 tell us the world began?

Read Genesis chapter 1, verses 9 - 19.

1. What kind of plants did God create?

2. The sun, moon and stars have two jobs. One job is to give light to the earth. What else do they do?

3. What does the last sentence of verse 18 say?

Read Genesis chapter 1, verses 20 - 26.

1. When did God create fish and birds?

2. On Day 6, God made animals. What are they?

Read Genesis chapter 1, verses 27 - 31.

1. Isaiah the prophet tells us why God created the earth. What does Isaiah 45:18 say?

2. **CHALLENGE:** Can you make something from nothing? What? How?

3. Match the day to the creation:

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|-------|------------------------|
| DAY 1 | sun, moon and stars |
| DAY 2 | fish and birds |
| DAY 3 | light |
| DAY 4 | plants |
| DAY 5 | animals and man |
| DAY 6 | waters above and below |

GENESIS — WEEK TWO

LESSON ONE DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship

You may have the following scientific experiment set up and allow the students to observe during the class time.

Learning How Plants Obtain Water:

Trim about an inch from the wide ends of two stalks of celery. Place one stalk in a small glass of water dyed with blue food coloring, and the other in a small glass of water dyed with red food coloring. After a couple of hours the leaves will begin to turn the color of the water.

15 - 20 minutes snack/group recreation: Jump rope or pass frisbees

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 1

to end of class CRAFT: SEED PLANTING

MATERIALS

clear plastic glass
paper towel
bean seeds (lima)

Place a piece of paper towel inside a clear glass; add enough water to wet the towel; place seeds between glass and towel; have children take home and watch seeds sprout.

GENESIS — LESSON 1 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 1, verses 1 - 8.

1. How does Genesis 1, verse 2 say the earth looked? “The earth was a shapeless, chaotic mass. The Spirit of God was brooding over the dark vapors.”
 - a. What did God do to make the light? vs. 3 He spoke it into being.
 - b. What did He call the light? day or daytime.
 - c. What did He call the dark? night or nighttime.
3. How does Psalm 33:9 tell us the world began? “For when He spoke, the world began! It appeared at His command!”

Read Genesis chapter 1, verses 9 - 19.

1. What kind of plants did God create? vs. 11 and 12 “Every sort of grass and seed-bearing plant... fruit trees with seeds inside the fruit... These seeds produce the kinds of plants and fruits they came from.”
2. The sun, moon, and stars have two jobs. One job is to give light to the earth. What else do they do? vs. 14 and 15 “They shall bring about the seasons on the earth and mark the days and years.”
3. What does the last sentence of verse 18 say? “And God was pleased.”

Read Genesis chapter 1, verses 20 - 26.

1. When did God create fish and birds? vs. 23 on the fifth day.
2. On Day 6, God made animals. What are they? vs. 25 and 26 cattle, reptiles, wildlife of every kind. He also made man and woman.

Read Genesis chapter 1, verses 27 - 31.

1. Isaiah the prophet tells us why God created the earth. What does Isaiah 45:18 say? “For the Lord made the heavens and earth. And He put everything in place. He made the world to be lived in, not to be an empty chaos. ‘I am the Lord,’ He says. ‘And there is no other!’”
2. **CHALLENGE:** Can you make something from nothing? How? What? No. You cannot make something from nothing. That’s already been done by God. Whatever you make you must use substances that He has made.

3. Match the day to the creation:

DAY 1 light

DAY 3 plants

DAY 5 fish and birds

DAY 2 waters above and below

DAY 4 sun, moon, and stars

DAY 6 animals and man

GENESIS — LESSON 2

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 2, verses 1 - 3.

1. How long did it take God to create the world?
2. What happened on the seventh day? Why?
3. In Exodus 23:12, the Jewish people were given instructions regarding the seventh day, what are they?

Read Genesis chapter 2, verses 4 - 7.

1. Genesis 2:5 gives another description of the earth. What is it?
2. How was the earth watered?
3. Tell in your own words how man was created.

Read Genesis chapter 2, verses 8 - 17.

1. What kind of beautiful trees were in the garden?

2. Name two special trees in the garden.
3. What rivers flowed into the Garden? Find them on a Bible map.
4. What was the man to do in the garden?
5. What did God warn man not to do?

Read Genesis chapter 2, verses 18 - 25.

1. What did God say about man in verse 18?
2. Who gave names to all the living creatures?
3. In your own words tell how God made woman.
4. **CHALLENGE:** Adam and Eve were naked. But they were not embarrassed or ashamed. Why not?
5. What advice does God give Adam and Eve in verse 24? What does this mean to you?

GENESIS — WEEK THREE

LESSON TWO DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes	free time — games, fellowship
15 - 20 minutes	snack/group recreation: HUCKLEBERRY BEANSTALK
	A small object is hidden by the teacher, not to be higher than eye level of the shortest child, somewhere in the room; all eyes are closed, or the children are sent from the room. Instruction is then given for them to look for the object. Anyone seeing it finds a seat and sits down, calling “Huckleberry beanstalk.” The object of the game is to not be the last one seated.
15 - 20 minutes	discuss LESSON 2
to end of class	CRAFT: STAINED GLASS WINDOW

MATERIALS

waxed paper
scissors
colored construction paper
colored tissue paper or white tissue paper colored with crayons, pens, or colored pencils

glue
warm iron

Cut or tear tissue paper into various shapes. Make a “window” shape out of two pieces of waxed paper; arrange tissue paper pieces on one piece of waxed paper “window;” cover with second piece. Press with warm iron to seal layers together. Make a frame for “window” by cutting the center out of two pieces of construction paper. When waxed paper “window” is cool, place between construction sheets. Glue edges of construction paper inside and outside, enclosing “window.” Tape “window” to a real window so the sun can shine through.

Note: In two weeks you will do a craft using glass from old or inexpensive picture frames. You may wish to send home a flyer this week and next asking parents to find or purchase a frame and send it to class with their child.

GENESIS — LESSON 2 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 2, verses 1 - 3.

1. How long did it take God to create the world? 6 days.
2. What happened on the seventh day? Why? vs. 2 God rested because He finished His task. He rested from the work He had been doing.
3. In Exodus 23:12, the Jewish people were given instructions regarding the seventh day, what are they? “Work six days only. Then rest on the seventh day. This is to give your oxen and donkeys a rest. It will be a day of rest for the people in your household. This includes your slaves and visitors.”

Read Genesis chapter 2, verses 4 - 7.

1. Genesis 2:5 gives another description of the earth. What is it? “There were no plants or grain sprouting up across the earth at first. For the Lord God hadn’t sent any rain.”
2. How was the earth watered? vs. 6 - “But water welled up from the ground at certain places. Then it flowed across the land.” A mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.
3. Tell in your own words how man was created. God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living being.

Read Genesis chapter 2, verses 8 - 17.

1. What kind of beautiful trees were in the garden? “The Lord God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food” (NAS).
2. Name two special trees in the garden. vs. 9 “The tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil” (NAS).
3. What rivers flowed into the Garden? Find them on a Bible map. vs. 11 and 12 Pishon, Gihon, Tigris, Euphrates. [The Gihon and Pishon are presumably canals (called rivers in Babylonia) which connected the Tigris and Euphrates as ancient river beds. Locating the site of these two rivers is virtually impossible. However, the other two are still seen on maps and are flowing.]
4. What was the man to do in the garden? vs. 15 “The Lord God placed the man in the Garden as its gardener. He was to tend and care for it.”

5. What did God warn man not to do? vs. 17 “But from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.”

Read Genesis chapter 2, verses 18 - 25.

1. What did God say about man in verse 18? “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him” (NAS).
2. Who gave names to all the living creatures? vs. 19 “Whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name” (NAS).
3. In your own words tell how God made woman. God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at the place. And the Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.
4. **CHALLENGE:** Adam and Eve were naked. But they were not embarrassed or ashamed. Why not? There was nothing wrong with their nakedness. They were made perfect by God. There was no sin in the world and being naked would not cause someone evil thoughts as is the case today.
5. What advice does God give Adam and Eve in verse 24? What does this mean to you? “For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh” (NAS).

GENESIS — LESSON 3

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 3, verses 1 - 7.

1. Who was the craftiest of all the creatures God made?

2. Who did he speak to?

3. **CHALLENGE:** God had given instructions to Adam about the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in Genesis 2:17. What words did Eve add in Genesis 3:3 when she answered the serpent's question?

Read Genesis 3, verses 8 - 13.

1. Why did Adam and Eve hide from God?

2. What is sin? See Romans 14:23.

3. Is it wrong to blame someone else when we do wrong?

Read Genesis chapter 3, verses 14 - 21.

1. God covered Adam and Eve with new clothes after they confessed their sin. This showed He forgave them for their disobedience. Who or what died so they could be covered?

2. Look up the following scriptures and find out how we can be forgiven of sin.

Psalm 38:18

Ephesians 1:7

I John 1:7

3. **PERSONAL:** Have you ever confessed your sins to God and asked Him for forgiveness?

4. Adam and Eve were God's special children. How does John 1:12 tell us to become God's child?

Read Genesis chapter 3, verses 22 - 24.

1. What happened to Adam and Eve?

2. Who guards the garden?

GENESIS — WEEK FOUR

LESSON THREE DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: BARNYARD

Set boundaries: start, finish, play area. Choose someone to be IT. Divide everyone else into teams of two or three, depending on size of class. Each team chooses an animal that would be found on a farm. Chickens, roosters, cows, goats, dogs, sheep, horses, etc. When teams have chosen their animals, tell them to IT so IT knows what to call. Teams stand behind the start line. IT stands in the middle of play area between the start and finish lines. IT calls out an animal, such as COW. The team that chose COW tries to race to the finish line without being tagged. When a player is tagged, player stops and sits where tagged. Player then helps IT tag remaining players. Game continues from start to finish lines, and back again, as long as there are runners. If IT calls BARNYARD, all players run.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 3

to end of class CRAFT: CUPCAKE BOUQUET

MATERIALS

cupcake liners in various colors

green pipe cleaners

green construction paper

white Styrofoam cups

florist tape

OPTIONAL: junior size baby food jars; paint/brushes; sand

Place three varied-color liners on top of each other; feather out as you would napkins. With a pencil, poke two close-together holes through the center. Insert pipe cleaner up through one hole and down the other. Leave one end longer than the other for the flower stem. Twist the shorter end around the longer end to keep cups from slipping. Cut green leaves from construction paper; poke up onto pipe cleaner stem to base of flower. Make several flowers and bind together with florist tape. When bouquet is ready, stick stems into bottom of upside down cup. Cup can be painted, drawn on, or left white. Or, jar can be painted, filled with sand, or any heavy substance, and bouquet stems inserted.

Reminder: Send home a flyer requesting old or inexpensive picture frames with glass for next week's craft.

GENESIS — LESSON 3 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 3, verses 1 - 7.

1. Who was the craftiest of all the creatures God made? vs.1 the serpent.
2. Who did he speak to? vs. 1 the woman Eve.
3. **CHALLENGE:** God had given instructions to Adam about the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in Genesis 2:17. What words did Eve add in Genesis 3:3 when she answered the serpent's question? "God says we must not eat it or even touch it. If we do, we will die."

Read Genesis 3, verses 8 - 13.

1. Why did Adam and Eve hide from God? vs 7 "And as soon as they ate it, they saw they were naked, and they were embarrassed. So they strung fig leaves together to cover themselves around the hips."
2. What is sin? See Romans 14:23. "But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin" (NAS). Disobeying God's law, is sin.
3. Is it wrong to blame someone else when we do wrong? Yes. We need to take responsibility for our own actions, and receive the punishment we deserve.

Read Genesis chapter 3, verses 14 - 21.

1. God covered Adam and Eve with new clothes after they confessed their sin. This showed He forgave them for their disobedience. Who or what died so they could be covered? vs. 21 "The Lord God gave clothes to Adam and his wife made from skins of animals."
2. Look up the following scriptures and find out how we can be forgiven of sin.

Psalm 38:18 "I confess my sins. I am sorry for what I have done."

Ephesians 1:7 "He has so much kindness! He took away all our sins through the blood of His Son. This saved us."

I John 1:7 "If we confess our sins, He can be depended on to forgive us. He will cleanse us from every wrong. It is proper for God to do this because Christ died for our sins."

3. **PERSONAL:** Have you ever confessed your sins to God and asked Him for forgiveness?

4. Adam and Eve were God's special children. How does John 1:12 tell us to become God's child?
"But to all who received Him, He gave the right to become God's children. All they needed to do was to believe in Him."

Read Genesis chapter 3, verses 22 - 24.

1. What happened to Adam and Eve? vs. 23 and 24 "So the Lord God sent him away from the Garden of Eden forever. He sent him out to farm the ground from which he had been taken. Thus God expelled him."
2. Who guards the garden? vs 24 "And God placed mighty angels at the east of the Garden of Eden. They stood with a flaming sword to guard the entrance to the Tree of Life."

GENESIS — LESSON FOUR

Read Genesis chapter 4, verses 1 - 4.

1. What were the names of Adam's and Eve's children?
2. Who was older?
3. What work did they do?

Cain

Abel

4. **CHALLENGE:** Adam must have told Cain and Abel about the first blood sacrifice God made after he and Eve sinned. So they knew what they were to bring for their sacrifice to God. What does Genesis 4:3-4 say each one brought?
5. **RISKY:** What clue does Hebrews 11:4 give to indicate the reason Abel's sacrifice was more excellent than Cain's?
6. **HARD:** What does Mark 14:24 say about the blood sacrifice of Jesus?

Read Genesis chapter 4, verses 5 - 8.

1. How did God know Cain was angry?
2. **PERSONAL:** Are you ever angry? How do you feel when you are angry? What do you do with your anger?

3. **CHALLENGE:** What do the following verses say about anger?

Psalm 37:8

Proverbs 14:1

Proverbs 15:1

Proverbs 16:32

4. How did Cain get his brother Abel into the field?

5. What did he do there?

Read Genesis chapter 4, verses 9 - 16.

1. God came to Cain again. What does God ask Cain? See Genesis 4:9.

2. Was Cain's answer loving and kind?

3. What was Cain's punishment?

4. Did he like his punishment? See Genesis 4:13-14.

5. Where did Cain live after this?

GENESIS — WEEK FIVE

LESSON FOUR DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes Snack and group recreation: MESSAGE RELAY

Before class, write **Bible verses on several pieces of paper**. In class place verses in a **bowl**. Divide into teams, and stand behind goal line. Choose a leader for each team. Place bowl at opposite side of goal line. At the signal, each team leader runs to the bowl and picks a verse, reads it, returns to head of his line and whispers it to the next person, then hands the verse to the teacher. Team members continue whispering the verse to the next person in line, until the last in line says the verse to the teacher. The team who repeats the verse correctly is the winning team. If more than one team repeats the verse correctly, the one who recited it first is the winning team. Repeat as desired.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 4

to end of class CRAFT: GLASS PAINTING

simple picture from a coloring book
glass from old or inexpensive picture frame (have each child
bring one from home if possible)
paint and brushes

Using a simple picture, lay glass on picture. Begin painting the details first. Then paint in the remaining picture. Remember, the bottom layer of paint will show through the glass when it's displayed in the frame; subsequent layers will show behind the first layers.

Children may choose to do this freehand. They are very creative and given the freedom to create, they will have a picture more meaningful to them.

Let dry and place in the frames they brought.

GENESIS — LESSON 4 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 4, verses 1 - 4.

1. What were the names of Adam's and Eve's children? Cain and Abel.
2. Who was older? Cain.
3. What work did they do?

Cain - a farmer (a tiller of the ground)

Abel - a shepherd

4. **CHALLENGE:** Adam must have told Cain and Abel about the first blood sacrifice God made after he and Eve sinned. So they knew what they were to bring for their sacrifice to God. What does Genesis 4:3-4 say each one brought? “At harvest time Cain brought the Lord a gift of his farm produce. Abel brought the fatty cuts of meat from his best lambs and presented them to the Lord. The Lord accepted Abel's offering.”
5. **RISKY:** What clue does Hebrews 11:4 give to indicate the reason Abel's sacrifice was more excellent than Cain's? “It was by faith that Abel obeyed God and brought an offering that pleased God more than Cain's offering did. God accepted Abel and proved it by accepting his gift; and though Abel is long dead we can still learn lessons from him about trusting God” (TLB).
6. **HARD:** What does Mark 14:24 say about the blood sacrifice of Jesus? “Then [Jesus] said to them ‘This is My blood, poured out for many. It seals the new agreement between God and man.’”

Read Genesis chapter 4, verses 5 - 8.

1. How did God know Cain was angry? “[Cain's] face grew dark with fury.”
2. **PERSONAL:** Are you ever angry? How do you feel when you are angry? What do you do with your anger?
3. **CHALLENGE:** What do the following verses say about anger?

Psalms 37:8 “Stop your anger! Turn off your wrath, don't fret and worry. It only leads to harm.”
(What kind of harm?)

Proverbs 14:17: “A short-tempered person is a fool. He hates the person who is patient.”
Proverbs 15:1 “A gentle answer turns away anger, but harsh words cause fights.”

Proverbs 16:32 “It is better to be slow-tempered than famous. It is better to have self-control than to control an army.”

4. How did Cain get his brother Abel into the field? vs. 8 “One day Cain said to his brother, ‘Let’s go out into the fields.’”
5. What did he do there? vs. 8 “And while they were there, Cain hit his brother and killed him.”
[It sounds as if Cain was planning this all along, and it wasn’t a spur of the moment decision.]

Read Genesis chapter 4, verses 9 - 16.

1. God came to Cain again. What does God ask Cain? See Genesis 4:9. “After that the Lord asked Cain, ‘Where is Your brother? Where is Abel?’”
2. Was Cain’s answer loving and kind? [No. His answer sounded flippant.] vs. 9 “‘How should I know?’ Cain said. ‘Am I supposed to keep track of him wherever he goes?’”
3. What was Cain’s punishment? vs. 11-12 “You are hereby banished from this ground which you have defiled with your brother’s blood. No longer will it yield crops for you. Even if you toil on it forever! From now on you will be a fugitive and a tramp upon the earth. You will wander from place to place.”
4. Did he like his punishment? See Genesis 4:13-14. “Cain replied to the Lord, ‘You have punished me more than I can bear. For you have sent me away from my farm and from you. You have made me a fugitive.’”
5. Where did Cain live after this? vs. 16 “So Cain went out from the presence of the Lord. He settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.”

GENESIS — LESSON 5

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard, it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 4, verses 17 - 26.

1. What did Cain name the first city?

2. Who was a cattleman and lived in tents?

3. What did Jubal invent?

4. Something very important happened during the time of Enoch. What does Genesis 4:26 tell us it was?

Read Genesis chapter 5, verses 1 - 24.

1. How old was Adam when Seth was born?

2. **CHALLENGE:** We discovered in Genesis 1:27 that man was created in the likeness of God. We determined that meant without sin. In Genesis 5:3, in whose image is Seth created?

3. In this long list of names and ages, a phrase is repeated. What is it?

4. Why is Enoch important? see verse 24.

Read Genesis chapter 5, verses 24 - 32.

1. What does the phrase “walked with God” mean to you?
2. There is a saying today, “I feel as old as Methuselah.” Why do you think people say that? See verse 27 to help you answer.
3. **RISKY:** Adam lived at the same time as Methuselah. Methuselah was Noah’s grandfather. Do you think Methuselah ever visited Adam? Do you think Methuselah told Noah what he heard from Adam about the Garden?
4. What does Noah’s name mean? See Genesis 5:29.

Read Genesis chapter 6, verses 1 - 13.

1. According to Genesis 6:1, what was happening on the earth?
2. What does verse 5 tell us God saw?
3. What did God think about Noah?
4. What did God tell Noah He was going to do?

Read Genesis chapter 6, verses 14 - 22.

1. What did God tell Noah to do?
2. What was God going to do?
3. Who was to go into the ark?
4. What came in pairs?
5. **HARD:** God told Noah to take food into the ark. What kind of food? Do you think this food was for everyone? Do you think Noah used the seeds of this food to start farming after the flood?
6. Was Noah obedient to God?
7. What does Hebrews 11:7 say about Noah's obedience?

GENESIS — WEEK SIX

LESSON FIVE DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack/group recreation: INDIAN RUNNING

Break into groups of five or six. Choose one group to be the first group of “Indians.” They leave the room and arrange themselves in a line. They reenter the room, walk single file once around seated players, then leave. They return, single file, but not in the order they first entered the room, and stand in front of the seated players. The other teams when called upon guess the correct order in which the “Indians” first came into the room. The team guessing correctly is the next group of “Indians.” Game can be played until all teams have had a chance to be “Indians,” or as long as interest prevails.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 5

to end of class CRAFT: FAMILY TREE

MATERIALS

Prior to class: Run a copy of the “Family Tree” on the next page for each child in the class (cover header before copying).

In class: Instruct the students to fill in as much information about their family as they can in class then take the “Family Tree” home and ask their parents to help them fill in the blanks. While in class they may color the tree and add a border.

My Family Tree: _____

Grandmother
(Mother's Mother)

Grandfather
(Mother's Father)

Grandmother
(Father's Mother)

Grandfather
(Father's father)

My Mother

My Father

My Name

GENESIS — LESSON 5 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 4, verses 17 - 26.

1. What did Cain name the first city? vs. 17 “Enoch, after his son” (TLB).
2. Who was a cattleman and lived in tents? vs. 20 Jabal.
3. What did Jubal invent? vs. 21: the harp and flute; he was the first musician.
4. Something very important happened during the time of Enoch. What does Genesis 4:26 tell us it was? “Men began to call upon the name of the Lord” (NAS). “It was during his lifetime that men first began to call themselves ‘the Lord’s people’” (TLB).

Read Genesis chapter 5, verses 1 - 24.

1. How old was Adam when Seth was born? 130 years old.
2. **CHALLENGE:** We discovered in Genesis 1:27 that man was created in the likeness of God. We determined that meant without sin. In Genesis 5:3, in whose image is Seth created? “Seth was the very image of his father in every way.” [This means he had the image of sin in him from his birth. Adam had God’s image from his creation.]
3. In this long list of names and ages, a phrase is repeated. What is it? “and he died”(NAS)
4. Why is Enoch important? See verse 24. “Enoch was 65 years old when his son Methuselah was born. After that he lived another 300 years in constant fellowship with God and had sons and daughters. Then, when he was 365, he disappeared. God took him away!” [He lived on earth 365 years, our calendar year is 365 days.]

Read Genesis chapter 5, verses 24 - 32.

1. What does the phrase “walked with God” mean to you?
2. There is a saying today, “I feel as old as Methuselah.” Why do you think people say that? See verse 27 to help you answer. “So all the days of Methuselah were 969, and he died” (NAS). [He is considered the oldest man to ever live.]
3. **RISKY:** Adam lived at the same time as Methuselah. Methuselah was Noah’s grandfather. Do you think Methuselah ever visited Adam? Do you think Methuselah told Noah what he heard from Adam about the Garden? [Halley says that “Adam’s life overlapped Methusalah by 243 years; Methuselah’s life overlapped Noah by 600 years. There were 126 years between the death of Adam and the birth of Noah.”]

4. What does Noah's name mean? See Genesis 5:29. "Lamech named him Noah (meaning 'Relief'). For he said, 'He will bring us relief from the hard work of farming this ground which God has cursed'" (TLB).

Read Genesis chapter 6, verses 1 - 13.

1. According to Genesis 6:1, what was happening on the earth? Population explosion.
2. What does verse 5 tell us God saw? "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (NAS).
3. What did God think about Noah? vs. 8 "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord" (NAS).
4. What did God tell Noah He was going to do? vs. 13 "Then God said to Noah, 'I have decided to destroy all mankind. For the earth is filled with crime because of man. Yes, I will destroy mankind from the earth.'"

Read Genesis chapter 6, verses 14 - 22.

1. What did God tell Noah to do? vs. 14 "Make a boat out of wood. Seal it throughout the ship."
2. What was God going to do? vs. 17 "Look! I am going to cover the earth with a flood. I am going to destroy every living being. Everything in which there is the breath of life will die."
3. Who was to go into the ark? vs. 18 "But I promise to keep you safe in the ship. You will enter it with your wife and your sons and their wives."
4. What came in pairs? vs. 19 and 20 "Bring a pair of every animal — a male and a female — into the boat with you. Do this to keep them alive through the flood. Bring in a pair of each kind of bird and animal and reptile."
5. **HARD:** God told Noah to take food into the ark. What kind of food? Do you think this food was for everyone? Do you think Noah used the seeds of this food to start farming after the flood? vs. 21 "Store away in the boat all the food that they and you will need."
6. Was Noah obedient to God? vs. 22 "And Noah did all that God had told him."
7. What does Hebrews 11:7 say about Noah's obedience? "Noah was another who trusted God. He heard God's warning about the future. Noah believed Him even though there was then no sign of a flood. Noah wasted no time. He built the ark and saved his family. Noah's belief in God was different from the disbelief of the world. Because of his faith he became one of those whom God has welcomed." [This can be a wonderful opportunity to discuss faith and obedience.]

GENESIS — LESSON 6

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 7, verses 1 - 9.

1. From verses 2 and 3 tell how the animals went into the ark.
2. **CHALLENGE:** Look in the dictionary and find out what the following words mean:

clean:

unclean:

3. When was the rain to begin, and how long was it to last? See verse 4.

Read Genesis chapter 7, verses 10 - 24.

1. **CHALLENGE:** Noah, his family, and all the animals waited in the ark 7 days before the rain began. Noah trusted God to take care of them. What do these verses say about trusting God?

Jeremiah 17:5,7

Psalms 16:1,11

2. How did the water flood the earth?

3. Name the people in the ark with Noah.
4. Who closed the door on the ark?
5. **CHALLENGE:** Verses 17 - 24 tell us what happened to the earth while Noah was in the ark. How would you tell this story to someone who has not heard it?

Read Genesis chapter 8, verses 1 - 12.

1. a. **HARD:** The flood was God's judgment on man's sin. What does Romans 6:23 say about the penalty of sin?

b. What free gift does Romans 6:23 tell us is offered and Who gives it?
2. **RISKY:** How does Romans 3:21-24 tell us we can receive this free gift?
3. What two birds did Noah send out of the ark? Which bird returned to the ark?
4. A raven is considered an unclean bird. A dove is considered a clean bird. The dove was used for sacrifice and was a symbol of peace between God and man. What did the dove bring to Noah the second time it was sent out?

Read Genesis chapter 8, verses 13 - 22.

1. When the dove didn't return the third time what did Noah see when he opened the door?
2. What did God tell Noah to do in verses 15 - 17?
3. Did Noah obey God's words?
4. **CHALLENGE:** God wants all of us to obey Him. What do these verses say about obeying God's Word?

Psalm 119:11

Ephesians 6:1

2 Timothy 3:16-17

5. **HARD:** What was the first thing Noah did after he left the ark? Do you think his family joined him in thanking God? Why?
6. God put a rainbow in the cloud as a sign. What does this sign mean? See verse 21.

GENESIS — WEEK SEVEN

LESSON SIX DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes	free time — games, fellowship
15 - 20 minutes	snack and group recreation: BIBLE TRIVIA CHALLENGE
	Divide group in half. Alternate asking questions either directly from the Bible or use a Bible question game. Set a time or point limit.
15 - 20 minutes	discuss LESSON 1
to end of class	CRAFT: NAPKIN RINGS

MATERIALS

cardboard centers from toilet paper, paper towels, or waxed paper
colored crepe paper
scissors
glue
macaroni bows
spray paint (optional)
aluminum foil (optional)

It may be helpful to have the rolls cut into 2 1/2 inch rings before class begins. (If you wish to make the rolls a little more sturdy, wrap a 5" x 4" strip of aluminum foil around the ring first.) Cut crepe paper 5 inches wide across the grain. Wrap the crepe paper around the ring and tuck it inside and glue it — INSIDE. (If glued on the outside, the colors will run.) Put a little glue on the back of a macaroni bow and let it set until it is sticky, then press it onto the ring. (You may want to spray paint the macaroni before gluing it.) Allow each child to make one per family member.

GENESIS — LESSON 6 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 7, verses 1 - 9.

1. From verses 2 and 3 tell how the animals went into the ark. “Bring in the animals, too. Bring a pair of each, except those kinds I have chosen for eating and for sacrifice. Take 7 pairs of each of them and take 7 pairs of every kind of bird. Thus every kind of life will reproduce again after the flood has ended.”
2. **CHALLENGE:** Look in the dictionary and find out what the following words mean:
clean: free from dirt; not filthy; unsoiled; free from irregularities; smooth and even
unclean: dirty; impure; sinful
3. When was the rain to begin, and how long was it to last? See verse 4. “One week from today I will begin 40 days and nights of rain.”

Read Genesis chapter 7, verses 10 - 24.

1. **CHALLENGE:** Noah, his family, and all the animals waited in the ark 7 days before the rain began. Noah trusted God to take care of them. What do these verses say about trusting God?
Jeremiah 17:5,7 “The Lord says, ‘Cursed are those who put their trust in people. Cursed are those who turn their hearts away from God. But happy is the man who trusts in the Lord. Happy is he who has made the Lord his hope and strength.’”
Psalm 16:1,11 “Save me, O God, because I have come to You for refuge. You have let me know the joys of life. You have given me the joy of being close to You.”
2. How did the water flood the earth? vs. 11 “The rain came down in mighty torrents from the sky. And the waters under the ground burst forth upon the earth for 40 days and nights.”
3. Name the people in the ark with Noah. His wife, his sons Shem, Ham and Japheth, and their wives.
4. Who closed the door on the ark? vs. 16 “Then the Lord God closed the door and shut them in.”

5. **CHALLENGE:** Verses 17 - 24 tell us what happened to the earth while Noah was in the ark. How would you tell this story to someone who has not heard of it? “For 40 days the roaring floods prevailed above the earth. As the water rose higher and higher above the ground, the boat floated safely upon it. At last the water covered all the high mountains under the whole heaven. It stood 22 feet and more above the highest peaks. And all living things upon the earth died. The birds, tame and wild animals, the reptiles, and all mankind were killed. All that breathed and lived upon dry land died. All life on the earth was blotted out — man and animals alike, and reptiles and birds. God destroyed them all, leaving only Noah alive, and those with him in the boat. And the water covered the earth 150 days.”

Read Genesis chapter 8, verses 1 - 12.

1. a. **HARD:** The flood was God’s judgment on man’s sin. What does Romans 6:23 say about the penalty of sin? “For the wages [payment] for sin is death.”
b. What free gift does Romans 6:23 tell us is offered and Who gives it? “But the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (NAS).
2. **RISKY:** How does Romans 3:21-24 tell us we can receive this free gift? “But now God has shown us another way to Heaven. It is not by ‘being good enough’ and trying to keep His laws. It is by a new way. It is not really new. Because the Scriptures told about it long ago. Now God says He will accept us and declare us ‘not guilty.’ He will do this if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. We all can be saved by coming to Christ. It doesn’t matter who we are or what we have been like. Yes, all have sinned. All fall short of God’s perfect glory. But if we trust in Jesus Christ, God says we are ‘not guilty.’ In His kindness He freely takes away our sins.”
3. What two birds did Noah send out of the ark? Which bird returned to the ark? The raven and the dove. The dove returned.
4. A raven is considered an unclean bird. A dove is considered a clean bird. The dove was used for sacrifice and was a symbol of peace between God and man. What did the dove bring to Noah the second time it was sent out? vs. 11 “An olive leaf in her beak.”

Read Genesis chapter 8, verses 13 - 22.

1. When the dove didn’t return the third time what did Noah see when he opened the door? vs. 13 “The water was gone!”
2. What did God tell Noah to do in verses 15 - 17? “Then God told Noah, ‘You may all go out. Release all the animals, birds, and reptiles. That way they will breed and reproduce in great numbers.’”

3. Did Noah obey Gods words? Yes. vs. 18-19: “So the boat was soon empty. Noah, his wife, his sons and their wives all got off. And all the animals, reptiles and birds followed them. All left the ark in pairs and groups.”

4. **CHALLENGE:** God wants all of us to obey Him. What do these verses say about obeying God’s Word?

Psalm 119:11 “Thy word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee” (NAS). [If I know God’s Word I will recognize sin and try to stay away from it.]

Ephesians 6:1 “Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right” (NAS).

2 Timothy 3:16-17: “The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God. It is useful to teach us what is true. It helps us to know what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It makes us well prepared and fully equipped to do good to everyone.”

5. **HARD:** What was the first thing Noah did after he left the ark? Do you think his family joined him in thanking God? Why? vs. 21-22 “Noah built an altar. He sacrificed on it some of the animals and birds God had set apart for that purpose. And the Lord was pleased with the sacrifice.”

6. God put a rainbow in the cloud as a sign. What does this sign mean? See verse 21. “He said to Himself, ‘I will never again curse the earth. I will never again destroy all living things. I will never do it again, even though man’s bent [desire] is always toward evil. And even though he does such wicked things from his earliest youth. As long as the earth remains, there will be springtime and harvest. There will be cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night.’”

GENESIS — LESSON 7

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 9, verses 1 -19.

1. The animals and people on the ark were the only ones left on the earth. How did the earth become filled? See verses 1, 7, 19.

2. Until this time animals and man did not fear each other. What did God tell Noah that changed these feelings?

3. God made a promise to Noah and his sons. This promise was for everyone. What is the promise? What reminds us of God's promise?

Read Genesis chapter 9, verses 20 - 29.

1. What was Noah's job?

2. God had told Noah in Genesis 7:1, "I consider you alone to be righteous." However, Noah was not perfect. What does verse 21 tell us Noah did?

3. According to these verses, Who is the only perfect one to walk on earth?

1 Peter 2:22-23

1 John 3:5

4. What happened to Ham as a result of gossiping to his brothers about their father's nakedness?
5. What does Proverbs 21:23 say about words?

Read Genesis chapter 10, verses 1 - 32.

1. Where did Japheth's family live? See Genesis 10:5.
2. Why was Nimrod famous? See verse 8 and 9.
3. What happened during Peleg's lifetime? See verse 25.

Read Genesis chapter 11, verses 1 - 9.

1. At this time the people spoke one language, so they decided to build a tower. Why?
2. How did God stop these people from completing their task?

3. **CHALLENGE:** The word “us” in Genesis 11:7 is also found in Genesis 1:26 and refers to God as more than one. It is the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How does Luke 3:22 use these three names?

Read Genesis chapter 11, verses 10 - 29.

1. These verses tell us the family tree of Shem. Who were Terah’s sons?
2. Who was Haran’s son?
3. What happened to Abram and Nahor?

Read Genesis chapter 11, verse 31, through chapter 12, verse 9.

1. Terah took his family from Ur to the land of Canaan, but he never reached Canaan. Where did he stop?
2. What did God tell Abram to do in Genesis 12:1?
3. How would you feel if you had to move, leaving all your friends, and didn’t know where you were going to live?
4. Where did the Lord appear to Abram? What did He promise him there?

GENESIS — WEEK EIGHT

LESSON SEVEN DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: KNOCK, KNOCK

Players sit on the floor, behind “IT,” who is seated on a chair in front of them, facing forward. Someone is chosen to knock on back of IT’s chair. IT asks “Who’s there?” Knocker disguises voice, and says “Who am I?” IT is allowed three tries to guess who the knocker is. If IT guesses correctly, Knocker becomes IT. If IT cannot guess, he looks to see the knocker, and remains IT. (Or you may wish to have Knocker be IT in order to give everyone a chance at guessing.)

(OPTIONAL) Show 10 minute portion of “Mickey the Magician” from the original FANTASIA afterwards give the following story and application:

It is always the old, old story of the Sorcerer’s Apprentice. Remember the boy who hired himself out to a Sorcerer to be his servant and to carry his water for him? Like all boys, tiring of the work, he looked around to find some easier way of getting the job done.

One day when the master was away he prowled around among the sorcerer’s magical paraphernalia and found certain books with magic incantations in them. He learned a few of these and tried them out on the broom. To his amazement he found that he could command the broom to carry buckets of water. He sat back, opened a magazine, and read while the broom carried in the water, bucket after bucket. But after a bit, he detected a little moisture on the floor. To his consternation he realized that the tubs and basins were all full, and the broom was still carrying in the water. He decided he had better do something about it. He arose and uttered the magic incantation, but the broom kept on carrying in the water and dumping it on the floor. As the water began to rise he didn’t know what to do. He cried out every magic word he knew, but nothing worked, and the broom kept on carrying in the buckets and dumping them on the floor. Soon the water rose around his neck, and he began to cry out in anguish, realizing that he hadn’t learned enough. He was saved at the last moment by the return of the master who, in a few words, cleared up the whole situation.

That is the parable of the tower of Babel. Man in his inventiveness thinks he can master the earth. But the very solutions he works out become the bigger

problems with which he can no longer cope. The whole vast scheme of things eludes him; he is not able to put them all together. Thus, for man's sake (this is the heart of it), not because God is afraid of man, but for man's sake, to protect him from himself, God says in effect, "Let us stop man, in his mad folly, from destroying himself; he is not able to handle the problems he has created."

So God came down, and suddenly, as the workers gathered for work one morning, they found they could not communicate with each other any more. What a scene this must have been. The foreman would give orders, but the men would shake their heads — they didn't understand. The foreman would yell, but they wouldn't get it. They would try to explain, but he couldn't understand them. You can imagine what fist-shaking, table-pounding, and yelling went on here. It was utter confusion.

15 - 20 minutes discussion LESSON 7

to end of class CRAFT: TILE MAGNET

MATERIALS

small (1 to 1-1/2") white ceramic tiles (from hardware or paint store)

small (1/2" or less) Christian stickers

magnetic squares or tapes (from craft store)

paint & brushes

Mod Podge or shellac

glue

Paint the entire tile a solid color, or leave white. Allow to dry. Paint a small picture, word, or any design onto the tile. Allow to dry. Stick small Christian sticker on tile, if there is room. Cover with a coat of Mod Podge or shellac. Allow to dry. When dry, glue magnet strip or square onto back.

In 3 weeks you will need 1 empty coffee can with lid per person for the craft. You may wish to send a flyer home this week and next week asking parents to save them and send in with their child.

GENESIS - LESSON 7 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 9, verses 1 -19.

1. The animals and people on the ark were the only ones left on the earth. How did the earth become filled? See verses 1, 7, 19. vs. 1 “[God] told them to have many children and fill the earth.” vs 7 “Yes, have many children and fill the earth and subdue it.” vs 19 “From these 3 sons of Noah came all the nations of the earth.”
2. Until this time animals and man did not fear each other. What did God tell Noah that changed these feelings? vs. 2 - 3 “‘All wild animals and birds and fish will be afraid of you,’ God told him. ‘For I have placed them in your power. They are yours to use for food. You may also eat grain and vegetables.’”
3. God made a promise to Noah and his sons. This promise was for everyone. What is the promise? What reminds us of God’s promise? vs. 9 - 11 “I make a solemn promise. This promise is to you and your children and to the animals you brought with you — all these birds and cattle and wild animals. I will never again send another flood to destroy the earth. And I seal my promise with this sign. I have placed my promise until the end of time, to you and to all the earth. When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will be seen in the clouds. I will remember my promise to you and to every being. Never again will the floods come and destroy all life. For I will see the rainbow in the cloud. And I will remember my eternal promise to every living being on the earth.”

Read Genesis chapter 9, verses 20 - 29.

1. What was Noah’s job? He became a grape farmer.
2. God had told Noah in Genesis 7:1, “I consider you alone to be righteous.” However, Noah was not perfect. What does verse 21 tell us Noah did? “One day he became drunk and lay naked in his tent.”
3. According to these verses, Who is the only perfect One to walk on earth?
1 Peter 2:22-23 “[Christ] never sinned. He never told a lie. He never answered back when insulted. When He suffered He did not threaten to get even. He left His case in the hands of God Who always judges fairly.”
1 John 3:5 “You know He became a man so that He could take away our sins. There is no sin in Him. He never missed God’s will at any time.”
4. What happened to Ham as a result of gossiping to his brothers about their father’s nakedness? vs. 25 Noah cursed Ham’s descendants: “A curse upon the Canaanites. ‘May they be the lowest of slaves.’”

5. What does Proverbs 21:23 say about words? “Be careful what you say. That will keep you out of trouble.”

Read Genesis chapter 10, verses 1 - 32.

1. Where did Japheth’s family live? See Genesis 10:5. They lived along the coastlands and became maritime nations (they traveled on the sea in ships).
2. Why was Nimrod famous? See verse 8 and 9. “[He] became the first of the kings. He was a mighty hunter, blessed of God.”
3. What happened during Peleg’s lifetime? See verse 25. “During [Peleg’s] lifetime the people of the world were separated and dispersed.”

Read Genesis chapter 11, verses 1 - 9.

1. At this time the people spoke one language, so they decided to build a tower. Why? vs. 4 “And they said, ‘Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name; lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth’” (NAS).
2. How did God stop these people from completing their task? vs. 5 “But God came down to see the city and the tower the men were making. He said, ‘Look at what they can do because they all speak the same language. Just think of what they will do later! Nothing will be impossible for them! Come, let us go down and give them different languages. Then they won’t understand each other!’”
3. **CHALLENGE:** The word “us” in Genesis 11:7 is also found in Genesis 1:26 and refers to God as more than one. It is the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How does Luke 3:22 use these three names? “The Holy Spirit settled upon Him in the form of a dove. And a voice from heaven said, ‘You are My much loved Son. Yes, You are My delight.’”

Read Genesis chapter 11, verses 10 - 29.

1. These verses tell us the family tree of Shem. Who were Terah’s sons? Abram, Nahor, and Haran.
2. Who was Haran’s son? Lot.
3. What happened to Abram and Nahor? vs. 29 “Abram married his half sister Sarai. His brother Nahor married Milcah, the daughter of Haran.”

Read Genesis chapters 11, verse 31 through chapter 12, verse 9.

1. Terah took his family from Ur to the land of Canaan, but he never reached Canaan. Where did he stop? “But they stopped instead at the city of Haran and settled there.”
2. What did God tell Abram to do in Genesis 12:1? “God had told Abram, ‘Leave your own country behind you, and your own people. Go to the land I will guide you to.’”
3. **PERSONAL:** How would you feel if you had to move, leaving all your friends, and didn’t know where you were going to live?
4. Where did the Lord appear to Abram? What did He promise him there? vs. 6 and 7 “Going thru Canaan, they came to a place near Shechem. They set up camp beside the oak at Moreh. The Canaanites lived there at that time. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, ‘I am going to give this land to your descendants.’ And Abram built an altar there to the Lord.”

GENESIS — LESSON 8

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 12, verses 10 - 20.

1. Did Abram trust God to take care of him while there was a famine in the land? What happened?
2. Because he was afraid of Pharaoh, what did Abram tell Sarai to do when they reached Egypt?
3. Sarai was Abram's half sister, so he had her tell only half a lie. Is it okay to tell a little lie or half-truth? Why?
4. God protected Sarai in spite of Abram's deception, but who was hurt by it?

Read Genesis chapter 13, verses 1 - 9.

1. What happened to Abram and his family after Pharaoh sent them out of Egypt?
2. **CHALLENGE:** Do you think Abram confessed his sin to God at Bethel?
3. What does 1 John 1:9 say?
4. **HARD:** What's the difference between today's riches and Abram's?

5. What happened between Abram's men and Lot's?

6. How did Abram settle this argument?

Read Genesis chapter 13, verses 10 - 18.

1. Quarreling in the family causes many problems. What does Romans 12:18 say about peace?
2. Although the Bible doesn't say God helped Abram make this wise decision, we can think He did. What was Lot's choice?
3. What were the people like in Sodom?
4. **RISKY:** Do you think Lot was influenced by the people of Sodom? See 1 Corinthians 15:33 for your answer.
5. Where did Abram move next and what did he do there?

Read Genesis chapter 14, verses 1 -12.

1. What was happening in the land where Lot lived?

2. What happened to Lot?
3. Lot was in trouble because of where he lived. What does Psalm 50:15 say we are to do when we are in trouble?

Read Genesis chapter 14, verses 13 - 22.

1. A man escaped and told Abram about what happened to Lot. What did Abram do to help Lot?
2. Would you have helped someone who had hurt you? What does Matthew 5:43-44 say about friends and enemies?
3. **CHALLENGE:** God helped Abram win the battle to free Lot. He is ready to help us win any battle we may have. Whatever may be causing you trouble today, God can help you be a victor. What does Psalm 24:8 say about God?
4. **HARD:** Melchizedek just happens to meet Abram. Hebrews 7:1-3 tells us more about him. From Genesis and Hebrews, list everything that tells about him.
5. Melchizedek was the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High. Abram gave him a tenth of the loot. What does Malachi 3:10 say about giving?
6. What did you learn about TRUST?

GENESIS — WEEK NINE

LESSON EIGHT DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: ONE HANDED RELAY

Form into relay teams, with players standing about arm's length from each other in each line. Each team has a long balloon. Before play begins, all players turn and face the end of the line.

The first player of each team holds the balloon in the hand he does not normally use. At the signal, the second player turns around to face the front of the line; the first player, using only one hand, gives the balloon to the second player who receives it with one hand. The third player turns toward the front and the exchange is again made.

As each exchange is made the player handing off the balloon runs to the end of the line after handing it off. Play continues until the first player is in his original position. If the balloon is dropped, the one dropping it must retrieve it and return to his position before passing it on. The team who reaches their original positions first wins.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 8

to end of class CRAFT: SOAP BALLS

MATERIALS

1/3 c. to 1/2 c. hot water	1/2 bottle potpourri oil, optional
1 T. olive oil	3 c. Ivory Snow flakes
10 - 15 drops food coloring	waxed paper
clear contact paper	paper plate
scissors	colored markers

Combine the water, olive oil, food coloring, potpourri oil if using, and flakes. Mix well with a wooden spoon. Shape into balls about 1 1/2" to 2" in diameter. Place on waxed paper to dry. It takes about a day for the soap balls to completely dry; tell students not to use them for a few days.

GENESIS — LESSON 8 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 12, verses 10 - 20.

1. Did Abram trust God to take care of him while there was a famine in the land? What happened? No. He took his family into Egypt, where there was food. God had not told Abram to leave the land of promise. He made the decision without asking God.
2. Because he was afraid of Pharaoh, what did Abram tell Sarai to do when they reached Egypt? To pretend to be his sister, which was half true. Yet God had not told him to lie. We don't know the reason he did this, or how he expected to save her from Pharaoh, but Abram was looking out for his own neck. He thought the Egyptians would kill him in order to have her.
3. Sarai was Abram's half sister, so he had her tell only half a lie. Is it okay to tell a little lie or half-truth? Why? It is never "okay" to tell even a partial lie. Sin begins in the mind. First Abram thought to tell the lie; then he told Sarai to tell others the lie; thus sin progressed. We as well as others are often hurt by lies, and always by sin. God forgives sin if we ask forgiveness. Whenever a thought passes into our mind that could cause us to sin, we need to ask God to remove our thought before we act it out.
4. God protected Sarai in spite of Abram's deception, but who was hurt by it? Pharaoh, his household; Sarai was put in jeopardy because God had made a promise of a son to Abram by Sarai; Abram, and his servants. (verses 17 - 20)

Read Genesis chapter 13, verses 1 - 9.

1. What happened to Abram and his family after Pharaoh sent them out of Egypt? They journeyed to Bethel and he built an altar to God there.
2. **CHALLENGE:** Do you think Abram confessed his sin to God at Bethel? Because the Bible says he worshiped the Lord there, it is likely he confessed his sin.
3. What does 1 John 1:9 say? "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (NAS).
4. **HARD:** What's the difference between today's riches and Abram's? Except for the types of riches, there really isn't a difference. He had many material possessions, livestock, servants, silver, gold, and probably more clothing than others.
5. What happened between Abram's men and Lot's? They began to fight because the land couldn't support them.

6. How did Abram settle this argument? He wisely said fighting should not be among family members. So he told Lot to choose a place to live, and he would go in the opposite direction.

Read Genesis chapter 13, verses 10 - 18.

1. Quarreling in the family causes many problems. What does Romans 12:18 say about peace? “Don’t argue with anyone. Be at peace with everyone as much as you can.”
2. Although the Bible doesn’t say God helped Abram make this wise decision, we can think He did. What was Lot’s choice? Lot chose the land that was most fertile along the Jordan River.
3. What were the people like in Sodom? vs. 13 “[They] were very wicked. They sinned greatly against the Lord.”
4. **RISKY:** Do you think Lot was influenced by the people of Sodom? See 1 Corinthians 15:33 for your answer. “Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company corrupts good morals’”(NAS).
5. Where did Abram move next and what did he do there? He moved his family to the oaks of Mamre, near Hebron. Suggestion: Find this on a map and trace his journey.

Read Genesis chapter 14, verses 1 - 12.

1. What was happening in the land where Lot lived? A war was going on among the kings of the area.
2. What happened to Lot? He and all he owned was captured.
3. Lot was in trouble because of where he lived. What does Psalm 50:15 say we are to do when we are in trouble? “And call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you and you will honor Me” (NAS).

Read Genesis chapter 14, verses 13 - 22.

1. A man escaped and told Abram about what happened to Lot. What did Abram do to help Lot? He called all the men in his household together, 318 of them, and he went after the army as far as Dan. He divided his men and attacked the army during the night from several directions. He recovered all the loot and Lot too, including the women and children.
2. Would you have helped someone who had hurt you? What does Matthew 5:43-44 say about friends and enemies? “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.’ But, I say to you, ‘Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.’”

3. **CHALLENGE:** God helped Abram win the battle to free Lot. He is ready to help us win any battle we may have. Whatever may be causing you trouble today, God can help you be a victor. What does Psalm 24:8 say about God? “Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty; The Lord mighty in battle” (NAS).
4. **HARD:** Melchizedek just happens to meet Abram. Hebrews 7:1-3 tells us more about him. From Genesis and Hebrews, list everything that it tells about him. He was the king of Salem (Jerusalem); he brought Abram bread and wine. He was a priest of the God of Highest Heaven. He blessed Abram. Abram gave him a tenth of all the loot. His name means “Justice.” So he is king of Justice. He is also the King of Peace, because the name of his city is Salem which means “Peace.” He had no father or mother, and no record is found of his ancestors. He was never born and he never died. His life is like that of the Son of God. He is a priest forever. He was a great man. He was an example of what the Savior of the world would be like.
5. Melchizedek was the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High. Abram gave him a tenth of the loot. What does Malachi 3:10 say about giving? “‘Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,’ says the Lord of Hosts, ‘If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.’”
6. What did you learn about TRUST?

GENESIS — LESSON 9

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 15, verses 1 - 7.

1. In a vision God speaks to Abram and tells him not to be afraid. What does 2 Timothy 1:7 say about fear? (Fear is sometimes called timidity.)
2. God tells Abram He will be his shield. Use a dictionary to find out what shield means.
3. **HARD:** Abram believed God would fulfill His promises, and God considered him righteous on account of his faith. What does Galatians 3:11b say about the righteous man?

Read Genesis chapter 15, verses 8 - 21.

1. After Abram got everything ready, God put him into a deep sleep. What did God tell him was going to happen to his descendants?
2. **RISKY:** God used a smoking firepot and a flaming torch as symbols to pass between the halves of the carcasses to show He was taking full responsibility for the promise to be fulfilled. What was the promise according to Genesis 15:18?

Read Genesis chapter 16, verses 1 - 5.

1. Why did Sarai give Hagar to Abram as a second wife?
2. **CHALLENGE:** Having more than one wife was common at this time. What kind of trouble was there?
3. Sarai did not wait for God to answer His promise of a son. What does Psalm 37:5 and 7 say about trusting God?

4. Who did Sarai blame for the problems?
5. What does Romans 14:12 say about responsibility?

Read Genesis chapter 16, verses 6 - 16.

1. Hagar ran away after Sarai mistreated her. Who found her and what was she told to do?
2. **PERSONAL:** Are you willing to wait for God's answer to a recent prayer you made? Or will you try to get the answer by yourself?
3. How old was Abram when his son Ishmael was born?

Read Genesis chapter 17, verses 1 - 14.

1. Now how old is Abram?
2. Abram has his name changed. What does each name mean?

ABRAM:

ABRAHAM:

3. God is going to make another contract (covenant) with Abram. What was the promise of this contract (covenant)?
4. How long will this contract (covenant) last?
5. Abraham takes part in this contract (covenant). What is it?
6. What must Abram agree to do to show he accepts the contract (covenant)?

GENESIS — WEEK TEN

LESSON 9 DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: HOT SEAT

Double the number of players, then subtract one. Place this number of chairs around the room. Place a book on the seat of half the chairs (same number as the number of players). These are the “HOT SEATS”.

Choose IT; remaining players sit on a “COOL SEAT” (one without a book). IT stands in front of the room. When IT calls “Change!” all players must exchange seats and IT tries to get a seat. Sitting on a “HOT SEAT” is not allowed. The player not finding a “COOL SEAT” becomes IT, and game is repeated.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 9

to end of class CRAFT: SPIRAL PUZZLE

MATERIALS

empty paper towel tube
Bible verses

Prior to Class: Run one copy of the Bible verses strips for each student. (See next page.)

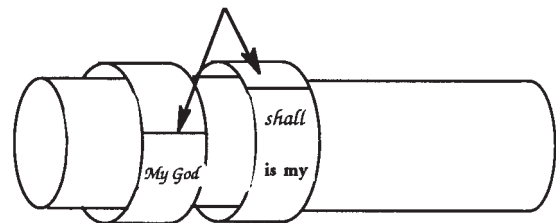
In class: Cut apart Bible verse strips.

In correct numerical sequence, place each strip around the paper towel tube so that the edge of the strip is on the line indicated.

Tape ends securely.

The strips must be loose enough to move easily around the tube. For an added activity, allow the children to compete with each other to see who can be first to align the strips to form the correct Bible verse. Have the kids mix up the verses and then exchange puzzles prior to competition.

Wrap strips loosely around tube. Tape ends together.



The Lord

at all

all your needs.

Hebrews 13:6

My God

one

helper.

Philippians. 4:19

Pray

shall supply

another.

Ephesians 6:18

Love

is my

times.

John 15:12

Align top of strip to dotted line and tape to form loop.

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Align top of strip to dotted line and tape to form loop.

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Align top of strip to dotted line and tape to form loop.

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Align top of strip to dotted line and tape to form loop.

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GENESIS — LESSON 9 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 15, verses 1 - 7.

1. In a vision God speaks to Abram and tells him not to be afraid. What does 2 Timothy 1:7 say about fear? (Fear is sometimes called timidity.) “For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline” (NAS).
2. God tells Abram He will be his shield. Use a dictionary to find out what shield means. Anything that, or anyone who, protects.
3. **HARD:** Abram believed God would fulfill His promises, and God considered him righteous on account of his faith. What does Galatians 3:11b say about the righteous man? “The righteous man shall live by faith” (NAS).

Read Genesis chapter 15, verses 8 - 21.

1. After Abram got everything ready, God put him into a deep sleep. What did God tell him was going to happen to his descendants? “Your descendants will be oppressed as slaves in a foreign land for 400 years. But I will punish the nation that makes them slaves. And at the end they will come away with great wealth.”
2. **RISKY:** God used a smoking firepot and a flaming torch as symbols to pass between the halves of the carcasses to show He was taking full responsibility for the promise to be fulfilled. What was the promise according to Genesis 15:18? “So that day the Lord made this covenant with Abram. He said, ‘I have given this land to your descendants from the Nile River to the Euphrates River.’”

Read Genesis chapter 16, verses 1 - 5.

1. Why did Sarai give Hagar to Abram as a second wife? “‘The Lord has given me no children,’ Sarai said to Abram. ‘So you may sleep with my servant girl, and her children shall be mine.’”
2. **CHALLENGE:** Having more than one wife was common at this time. What kind of trouble was there? “When [Hagar] learned she was pregnant, she became very proud and arrogant toward her mistress Sarai.”
3. Sarai did not wait for God to answer His promise of a son. What does Psalm 37:5 and 7 say about trusting God? “Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him and He will do it. Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him” (NAS).
4. Who did Sarai blame for the problems? “Then Sarai said to Abram, ‘It’s all your fault. Now this servant girl of mine despises me. And it was I who let her be your wife. May the Lord judge you for doing this to me!’”

5. What does Romans 14:12 say about responsibility? “So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God” (NAS).

Read Genesis chapter 16, verses 6 - 16.

1. Hagar ran away after Sarai mistreated her. Who found her and what was she told to do? “The Angel of the Lord found her beside a desert spring along the road to Shur.” She was told to go back to her mistress, Sarai, and act as she should. She was told the name of her son, which was Ishmael, which means ‘God hears.’ The son will be wild, free and untamed. He will be against everyone, and he will live near his kin.
2. **PERSONAL:** Are you willing to wait for God’s answer to a recent prayer you made? Or will you try to get the answer by yourself?
3. How old was Abram when his son Ishmael was born? 86 years old.

Read Genesis chapter 17, verses 1 - 14.

1. Now how old is Abram? 99 years old, 13 years have passed.
2. Abram has his name changed. What does each name mean?

ABRAM: “Exalted Father” (may not be in all translations)

ABRAHAM: “Father of Nations”

3. God is going to make another contract (covenant) with Abram. What was the promise of this contract (covenant)? verse 6 “I will give you millions of descendants who will form many nations! Kings shall be among your descendants.” The promise before was in Genesis 15:18 “I have given this land to your descendants.” Previously he was promised land, now he is promised descendants.
4. How long will this contract (covenant) last? verses 7-8 “I will continue this agreement between us generation after generation, forever. It shall be between me and your children as well. It is a contract that I shall be your God and the God of those who come after you.”
5. Abraham takes part in this contract (covenant). What is it? verses 9-10 “Your part of the contract is to obey.”
6. What must Abram agree to do to show he accepts the contract (covenant)? verses 11-12 “This will be the proof that you and [all your descendants] accept this covenant. Every male shall be circumcised on the 8th day after birth. This applies to every foreign-born slave as well as to those born in your household. This is a permanent part of this contract. It applies to all who come after you.”

GENESIS — LESSON 10

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 17, verses 15 - 27.

1. God has appeared to Abram in a dream. God made a contract with Abram. Part of the contract included a name change for Abram. Now he is called Abraham. Who else had a name change? What is her new name?

2. Abraham is 100 years old, and Sarah is 90. What miracle is about to happen to them?

3. Who did Abraham think God was talking about?

4. How was God going to bless Ishmael?

Read Genesis chapter 18, verses 1 - 8.

1. Who came to visit Abraham at Mamre?

2. **CHALLENGE:** From verses 1 and 2, tell in your own words what the day was like when Abraham had his visitors.

3. How did Abraham show hospitality? Remember, everything was prepared over an open fire, there were no microwaves.

4. What does hospitality mean?

5. Is it good to show hospitality? Why?

6. What does Hebrews 13:2 say about hospitality?

Read Genesis chapter 18, verses 9 - 15.

1. Why did Sarah laugh?

2. **HARD:** Is anything impossible for God? What do these verses say?

Genesis 18:14

Luke 1:37

3. **PERSONAL:** God always answers prayers, but sometimes we must wait for His answers. Sarah had to wait a year before her son was born. If you have not received an answer to a prayer request, are you willing to wait for God's answer?

Read Genesis chapter 18, verses 16 - 33.

1. **HARD:** What did God say about Abraham in verses 18 and 19?
2. How does a person learn about God's law? Read Deuteronomy 6:6,7.
3. What did God say about Sodom and Gomorrah?

Read Genesis chapter 19, verses 1 - 14.

1. It was evening when the angels entered the city. Where did Lot take them and what did he do for them?
2. Why did the angels tell Lot to leave the city?
3. How did Lot's sons-in-law feel about Lot's warning?
4. **PERSONAL:** If someone were to warn you that something bad was about to happen, what would you do? Why?

GENESIS — WEEK ELEVEN

LESSON 10 DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: NEWSPAPER BASKETBALL

Wad 30 sheets of **newspaper** into balls. Divide children into teams of two or three members, and have teams stand around the edge of a circle. Place a **clothes basket**, or small trash can, in the center of circle.

The leader chooses one team (A) to be first. Team A picks up all the newspaper balls, and returns to their place at the edge of the circle. At the signal, they toss the newspaper balls into the basket. Try tossing them all at once. If this doesn't work, give the opportunity to toss them one at a time.

When all newspaper balls have been tossed, the number in the basket are counted as points. Then another team tries. The team with the most "baskets" is the winner. If there are not enough players to make teams, reduce the number of newspaper balls, and each player is his own team.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 10

to end of class CRAFT: COFFEE CAN COOKIE JARS

MATERIALS

1 coffee can and lid per child
tacky glue (or all-purpose glue to any surface)
scraps of paper or magazines, or fabric
shellac

Glue desired items to outside of the coffee can. Shellac to add a shine.

GENESIS — LESSON 10 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 17, verses 15 - 27.

1. God has appeared to Abram in a dream. God made a contract with Abram. Part of the contract included a name change for Abram. Now he is called Abraham. Who else had a name change? What is it? Sarai. Her name was changed to Sarah, which means Princess.
2. Abraham is 100 years old, and Sarah is 90. What miracle is about to happen to them? She was going to have a baby. [Both Sarah and Abraham were too old to have children, but God performed a miracle which allowed them to have a baby.]
3. Who did Abraham think God was talking about? vs. 18 “Yes, do bless Ishmael!”
4. How was God going to bless Ishmael? “I will bless him also, just as you have asked Me to. I will cause him to become a great nation. Twelve princes [just as 12 tribes came from Jacob, Isaac’s descendants] shall come from him.”

Read Genesis, chapter 18, verses 1 - 8.

1. Who came to visit Abraham at Mamre? The Lord came to Abraham with 2 angels in the form of men.
2. **CHALLENGE:** From verses 1 and 2, tell in your own words what the day was like when Abraham had his visitors. It was a hot summer day. Abraham was sitting in the shade of his tent. There may have been a slight breeze.
3. How did Abraham show hospitality? Remember, everything was prepared over an open fire, there were no microwaves. He asked them to stop and rest. He washed their feet in order to refresh them. He offered to get them something to eat to strengthen them.
4. What does hospitality mean? warm, generous reception of guests and strangers.
5. Is it good to show hospitality? Why? Yes. Because that shows the love and kindness Jesus showed and wants us to show, too.
6. What does Hebrews 13:2 say about hospitality? “Don’t forget to be kind to strangers. Some who have done this have served angels without knowing it!” However, although we are to be kind to strangers, this does not mean we talk to them without our parents’ being with us. To serve strangers means being nice to those we don’t know who are visiting in our homes.

Read Genesis chapter 18, verses 9 - 15.

1. Why did Sarah laugh? At the time she didn't think it was possible for her to have a baby because she and Abraham were too old.
2. **HARD:** Is anything impossible for God? No! What do these verses say?

Genesis 18:14 "Is anything too hard for God? Next year, just as I told you, I will see to it that Sarah has a son."

Luke 1:37 "For every promise from God shall surely come true" (SLB). Or - "For nothing will be impossible for God" (NAS).

3. **PERSONAL:** God always answers prayers, but sometimes we must wait for His answers. Sarah had to wait a year before her son was born. If you have not received an answer to a prayer request, are you willing to wait for God's answer?

Read Genesis chapter 18, verses 16 - 33.

1. **HARD:** What did God say about Abraham in verses 18 and 19? "For Abraham shall become a mighty nation. And he will be a source of blessing for all the nations of the earth. I have picked him out to have godly descendants. He will have a godly household. They will be men who are just and good so that I can do for him all I have promised."
2. How does a person learn about God's law? Read Deuteronomy 6:6,7. "Keep thinking about My commandments. Teach them to your children. Talk about them at home or when you are out walking. Talk about them at bedtime and as soon as you get up in the morning."
3. What did God say about Sodom and Gomorrah? vs. 20 "I have heard that the people of Sodom and Gomorrah are very evil. All that they do is wicked. I am going down to see if these reports are true or not. Then I will know."

Read Genesis chapter 19, verses 1 - 14.

1. It was evening when the angels entered the city. Where did Lot take them and what did he do for them? He took them to his home as guests and to spend the night. After they agreed to go with him, Lot prepared a great feast for them, including freshly baked bread. [Generally these people were great eaters of bread. In fact 3 out of 4 people lived entirely upon it. "Bread" was often used for food in general because bread was more generally used than any other food. The feast may also have included milk, curds, fruits and nuts. The baking tray was a round dish of wrought iron, placed on a couple of stones over a small fire of twigs and dung (animal waste).]

2. Why did the angels tell Lot to leave the city? verse 13 “For we will destroy the city. The stench of the place has reached to heaven and God has sent us to destroy it.”
3. How did Lot’s sons-in-law feel about Lot’s warning? “They thought he was kidding, or just plain crazy.”
4. **PERSONAL:** If someone were to warn you that something bad was about to happen, what would you do? Why?

GENESIS — LESSON 11

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 19, verses 15 - 29.

1. What time of day was it when the angels told Lot to hurry and leave the city?
2. **CHALLENGE:** Why do you think Lot was not anxious to leave the city?
3. How did the angels finally get Lot out of the city?
4. What did the angels tell Lot in verse 17?
5. Did Lot want to go to the mountains?
6. What time of day was it when the Lord rained down fire and flaming tar from heaven?

Read Genesis chapter 20, verses 1 - 17.

1. Abraham again left his home without asking God what to do. He lied again about Sarah, this time to the king of Gerar. God visited the king in a dream. What did God tell the king?

2. **CHALLENGE:** Let's not be too hard on Abraham repeating the same sin. Sometimes we do the same sin many times. What does 1 John 1:9 say about confession?

3. **PERSONAL:** Abraham tried to cover up his lack of faith in God by saying this was a godless place. Have you ever judged others in order to make yourself look good?

4. **HARD:** What does James 3:3-6 say about the tongue?

5. What were the gifts the king gave to Abraham?

Read Genesis chapter 21, verses 1 - 21.

1. God kept His promise of a son to Sarah and Abraham. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?

2. Why do you think Abraham named him "laughter"?

3. What kind of trouble is in Abraham's family?

4. How did Abraham settle the problem?

5. What happened to Hagar and Ishmael?

6. **CHALLENGE:** God kept His promises to Abraham. Does God keep His promises today? See Romans 4:21.

Read Genesis chapter 21, verses 22 -34.

1. People of the Bible were real. God does not cover up their mistakes. They were left for us to read so we could learn how to be people with a heart for the Lord. What did Abimelech say to Abraham that shows us Abraham lived for God?

2. What does Matthew 5:16 say about living so others will know you belong to God?

3. What was the problem Abraham had with the king's servants?

4. How was the problem fixed?

5. Is talking a better way of handling a problem than fighting?

6. **HARD:** What does Matthew 5:23 - 25a say we should do to settle an argument? A Living Bible translation may be helpful, if you have one.

GENESIS — WEEK TWELVE

LESSON 11 DISCUSSION

- 15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship
- 15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: WHAT'S HIDDEN?

Have all players sit in a circle. Place at least fifteen items: **scissors, glue, crayons, pen, paper, pencil, chalk, eraser, book, JOY lesson, Bible, cup, gum, craft sticks, etc.** (anything) in the center of their circle. Allow 30 seconds for them to look at the items. Cover the items, then give them 5 minutes to write down all the items they remember seeing. When time is up, call out the items, the one with the most items wins; a prize may be given if desired. The game can be repeated by removing one item. Allow 30 seconds for players to view items. Then they close their eyes and one item is removed (do not cover the items). On signal eyes are opened; when a player thinks he knows the missing item, he raises his hand to answer. If he guesses correctly, he gets a point. The one with the most points wins.

- 15- 20 minutes discuss LESSON 11
- to end of class CRAFT: HAND-MADE POSTCARDS

MATERIALS

8 1/2" x 11" white card stock
colored pencils
colored felt tip pens
scissors

Before class, using paper cutter if possible, cut card stock into four equal rectangles (one horizontal cut and one vertical cut). (Or you can purchase postcard sheets for laser printers, which are perforated for tearing apart into four postcards.) Provide as many per child as you wish your class to have. In class, have students draw a picture with the pencils or pens on each postcard. These can be sent as cards to cheer someone; to say "Hi," "Happy Birthday," or "Wish You Were Here," etc. These cards can be used as you would a purchased postcard.

GENESIS — LESSON 11 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 19, verses 15 - 29.

1. What time of day was it when the angels told Lot to hurry and leave the city? Dawn, the morning after they arrived in the city.
2. **CHALLENGE:** Why do you think Lot was not anxious to leave the city? He probably didn't want to leave all his things, his riches, his friends. He may have thought the punishment was not going to be as bad as the angels had said.
3. How did the angels finally get Lot out of the city? They had to seize him by the hand. In other words, they had to drag him, his wife, and daughters out of the city.
4. What did the angels tell Lot in verse 17? "Flee for your lives. AND DON'T LOOK BACK. Escape to the mountains. Don't stay down here on the plain or you will die!"
5. Did Lot want to go to the mountains? No. He begged to go to a little town that was not far away because he feared disaster in the mountains. So the angels, agreed to let him go to the town, but he had to hurry because they couldn't do anything till he was safe.
6. What time of day was it when the Lord rained down fire and flaming tar from heaven? It was probably close to noon, because the sun "had risen over the earth" (NAS).

Read Genesis chapter 20, verses 1 - 17.

1. Abraham again left his home without asking God what to do. He lied again about Sarah, this time to the king of Gerar. God visited the king in a dream. What did God tell the king? "You are a dead man. That woman you took is married."
2. **CHALLENGE:** Let's not be too hard on Abraham repeating the same sin. Sometimes we do the same sin many times. What does 1 John 1:9 say about confession? "If we confess our sins, He can be depended on to forgive us. He will cleanse us from every wrong. It is proper for God to do this because Christ died for our sins."
3. **PERSONAL:** Abraham tried to cover up his lack of faith in God by saying this was a godless place. Have you ever judged others in order to make yourself look good?
4. **HARD:** What does James 3:3-6 say about the tongue? "We use a small bit to make a large horse go where we want. And a tiny rudder makes a huge ship turn where the pilot wants. It doesn't matter that the winds are strong. So also the tongue is a small thing. But what huge damage it can do. A great forest can be set on fire by one tiny spark. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is

full of evil. It poisons every part of the body. The tongue is set on fire by hell itself. It can turn our whole lives into a blazing flame of doom and ruin.”

5. What were the gifts the king gave to Abraham? vs. 14-15 “The king took sheep, oxen, and male and female servants and gave them to Abraham. Then he told Abraham to look over the kingdom and choose a place to live. He also gave him 1000 pieces of silver. The claim was now settled. Justice had been done.”

Read Genesis chapter 21, verses 1 - 21.

1. God kept His promise of a son to Sarah and Abraham. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? 100 years old; verse 3.
2. Why do you think Abraham named him “laughter”? In Genesis 17:19, God had told him to name him Isaac, which means laughter, because Sarah and Abraham had both laughed at the thought of becoming parents at such an old age. Also, because God had brought laughter into their lives.
3. What kind of trouble is in Abraham’s family? Ishmael is teasing Isaac, and making life miserable for everyone.
4. How did Abraham settle the problem? He sent Ishmael and Hagar away, back to Egypt, where Hagar came from.
5. What happened to Hagar and Ishmael? They had run out of water, so Hagar left him in the shade of a bush while she went off alone, because she didn’t want to watch him die. She began to cry, and so did the boy. God heard him crying and sent an angel to comfort her and to tell her of His promise to Abraham that Ishmael would also become a great nation.
6. **CHALLENGE:** God kept His promises to Abraham. Does God keep His promises today? See Romans 4:21. “[Abraham] was sure that God was able to do anything He promised.” Yes God keeps His promises today. He promised a savior, and Jesus came. He promises forgiveness of sins, and it is given upon confession of sin.

Read Genesis chapter 21, verses 22 -34.

1. People of the Bible were real. God does not cover up their mistakes. They were left for us to read so we could learn how to be people with a heart for the Lord. What did Abimelech say to Abraham that shows us Abraham lived for God? vs. 22 “It is clear that God helps you in all you do.”
2. What does Matthew 5:16 say about living so others will know you belong to God? “Don’t hide your light! Let it shine for all. Let your good deeds glow for all to see. That way they will praise your heavenly Father.”

3. What was the problem Abraham had with the king's servants? They had taken away a well that belonged to Abraham.
4. How was the problem fixed? They made an agreement. Abraham had hurt the king by letting him think Sarah was unmarried. The king's servants had taken a well belonging to Abraham. In order for all the people to know the two men were not enemies, and that the well was Abraham's, Abraham gave the king sheep and oxen.
5. Is talking a better way of handling a problem than fighting? Yes. it clears up misunderstandings, and no bones are broken.
6. **HARD:** What does Matthew 5:23 - 25a say we should do to settle an argument? A Living Bible translation may be helpful, if you have one. "Suppose you are standing before the altar in the Temple. You are offering a sacrifice to God. And suddenly you remember that a friend has something against you. If this happens, leave your sacrifice there beside the altar. Go and say you are sorry and make up to him. Then come and give your sacrifice to God. Come to terms quickly with your enemy before it is too late."

GENESIS — LESSON 12

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 22, verses 1 - 4.

1. How do you know Abraham was listening when God called him?
2. What did God ask him to do?
3. What did Abraham do to show he was willing to obey God?
4. **CHALLENGE:** What does Ephesians 6:1 say about obeying?

Read Genesis chapter 22, verses 5 - 10.

1. Who carried the wood? Who carried the knife?
2. **HARD:** What did Abraham say to Isaac when Isaac asked about the lamb for the sacrifice? See Genesis 22:8, and Hebrews 11:17-19.
3. Abraham trusted God to give the lamb for the sacrifice. What does John 1:29 say about the Lamb of God?

Read Genesis chapter 22, verses 11 - 24.

1. Do you think it was hard for Abraham to give up his son as a sacrifice?
2. How did God stop Abraham?
3. What did God give Abraham to take Isaac's place?
4. **HARD:** What does John 3:16 say about God's Son?
5. **PERSONAL:** God wants us to trust and obey Him, too. Are you willing to do these three things every day to show you trust and obey Him? 1.) pray 2.) read your Bible 3.) obey your parents.

Read Genesis chapter 23, verses 1 - 20.

1. How old was Sarah when she died?
2. Where was she buried?
3. **HARD:** Why do you think this is important?
4. What did you learn about obeying?

GENESIS — WEEK THIRTEEN

LESSON 12 DISCUSSION

- 15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship
- 15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: CARDS AND HAT

You will need a **deck of cards** and a **hat** (a box will do, too). Draw a line on the floor and have players stand behind it. Place the hat on the floor 3 to 4 feet in front of the line. In turn, each player tosses the cards towards the hat in hopes of sinking as many as possible into it. The one who lands the most cards in the hat is declared the winner.

- 15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 12
- to end of class CRAFT: STENCIL MOSAIC

MATERIALS

string
toothpicks
stencil patterns (may be purchased at stores selling craft supplies, office supplies, paint, drugstores, etc.)
pencil
glue
cardboard (cereal box front/back)
various natural materials: macaroni, rice, dried peas, crushed egg shells (colored if desired), sunflower seeds, blades of grass, etc. Be imaginative.

scissors
string

Copy the stencil pattern onto the cardboard. With drops of glue fasten toothpicks onto stencil lines. For curves and small spaces, break toothpicks to fit the spaces. Choose an item, such as dried peas, and glue in one section of the picture. Be sure to fill in all the space. Then take another item and glue it into another section. Do this until the entire picture has been filled in. Punch holes in top corners of cardboard, and run a length of string or yarn through them for hanging.

GENESIS — LESSON 12 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 22, verses 1 - 4.

1. How do you know Abraham was listening when God called him? He answered “I am” or “Yes, Lord.”
2. What did God ask him to do? “Take your only son Isaac whom you love so much. Go to the land of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I’ll point out to you.”
3. What did Abraham do to show he was willing to obey God? He arose early in the morning, chopped wood, saddled his donkey, took 2 of his young servants and Isaac, and went where God had told him to go.
4. **CHALLENGE:** What does Ephesians 6:1 say about obeying? “Children, obey your parents. This is the right thing to do.”

Read Genesis chapter 22, verses 5 - 10.

1. Who carried the wood? Who carried the knife? Abraham placed the wood on Isaac’s back. Abraham carried the knife. Remember, Isaac is not a little boy. He is a young man. He could have argued and fought with his father. Instead, he obeyed without question, except for the one about the lamb.
2. **HARD:** What did Abraham say to Isaac when Isaac asked about the lamb for the sacrifice? See Genesis 22:8, and Hebrews 11:17-19. Genesis: ““God will see to it, my son,” Abraham replied.” Hebrews: “While testing him, Abraham still trusted in God and his promises. So he offered his son Isaac. He was ready to kill him on the altar of sacrifice. God had promised to give Abraham a big family. And He had promised to do this through his son, Isaac. Yet, by faith, Abraham would even kill Isaac! He believed that if Isaac died God would bring him back to life. That is just about what happened. As far as Abraham knew, Isaac was doomed to death. But he came back again, alive!” [Abraham didn’t know just how God was going to bring Isaac back to life, but he trusted God and so was willing to do as He asked. Child sacrifice was NOT something God allowed. It was practiced by pagans, Why God asked this of Abraham, I don’t know, but the act of Abraham’s faith and obedience parallels how we should be willing to serve and honor Him with that which is dearest to us. Abraham’s offering also parallels God’s love and grace to us as He gave His only-begotten Son to suffer and die for us as a sacrifice.]
3. Abraham trusted God to give the lamb for the sacrifice. What does John 1:29 say about the Lamb of God? “The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’”

Read Genesis chapter 22, verses 11 - 24.

1. Do you think it was hard for Abraham to give up his son as a sacrifice? Yes.
2. How did God stop Abraham? As Abraham took the knife and was about to plunge it into his son, “at that very moment, the Angel of God shouted to him from heaven, ‘Abraham! Abraham!’ And Abraham answered, ‘Yes Lord!’ ‘Lay down the knife. Don’t hurt the boy in any way,’ said the Angel, ‘For I know that God is first in your life. You have not withheld even your beloved son from Me.’”
3. What did God give Abraham in place of Isaac? A ram caught by its horns in a bush.
4. **HARD:** What does John 3:16 say about God’s Son? “God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but have eternal life.”
5. **PERSONAL:** God wants us to trust and obey Him, too. Are you willing to do these three things every day to show you trust and obey Him? 1.) pray 2.) read your Bible 3.) obey your parents.

Read Genesis chapter 23, verses 1 - 20.

1. How old was Sarah when she died? 127 years old.
2. Where was she buried? “Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field at Machpelah facing Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan” (NAS). “So the field, and the cave that is in it, were deeded over to Abraham for a burial site by the sons of Heth.”
3. **HARD:** Why do you think this is important? Canaan is the land God had promised Abraham and his descendants. By owning a piece of land, he expressed his faith in God’s promise. Sarah was the first to be buried in this cave, which became the burial site for Abraham, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Leah.
4. What did you learn about obeying?

GENESIS — LESSON 13

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 24, verses 1 - 9.

1. Abraham is very old. What did he ask his oldest servant to do?
2. Where did the servant promise to go to get a wife for Isaac?
3. **RISKY:** Why do you think Abraham didn't want his servant to arrange a marriage with the girls who lived nearby?
4. Who went ahead of the servant?

Read Genesis chapter 24, verses 10 - 14.

1. Parents have many responsibilities in caring for their children. For many years, one responsibility was to decide who their children married. Today, parents still have many responsibilities. What does Proverbs 29:15 and 17 say about parents' responsibilities to their children?
2. **CHALLENGE:** It was a long way to Haran, and many supplies had to be carried on the trip. What did the servant take with him?
3. What did he do outside the city of Nahor?
4. What sign did the servant ask for so he would know which girl God had chosen for Isaac?

Read Genesis chapter 24, verses 15 - 30.

1. What was the girl's name who came to the well?

2. **CHALLENGE:** From this reading, in your own words, tell everything you know about Rebekah.
3. Did the Lord answer the servant's prayer just as he asked it?
4. Did the servant thank God for His answer?
5. One camel can drink 20 gallons of water at one time. The servant had 10 camels. How many gallons of water did Rebekah have to draw from the well?
6. What did she receive for her kindness?

Read Genesis chapter 24, verses 31 - 49.

1. Before he ate, the servant told Laban about Abraham's riches and that he was there to find a wife for Isaac. Who did the servant say gave him success in his mission?

Read Genesis chapter 24, verses 50 - 67.

1. Now Laban and Rebekah's father Bethuel knew the reason for the servant's visit. What did Laban and Bethuel answer the servant?
2. The servant again thanked the Lord for answering his prayer. After giving gifts to Laban and Bethuel, he ate. Early the next morning he was ready to leave. What did Laban and Rebekah's mother ask?
3. What was Rebekah's decision?
4. How did Isaac feel about Rebekah?
5. What did you learn about prayer?

GENESIS — WEEK FOURTEEN

LESSON 13 DISCUSSION

- 15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship
- 15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: BIBLE TRIVIA CHALLENGE
- Divide group in half. Alternate asking questions either directly from the Bible or use a Bible question game. Set a time or point limit.
- 15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 13
- to end of class CRAFT: PAINT PLASTER OF PARIS MOLDS
Purchase inexpensive plaster of paris molds at a craft store and allow the students to paint.

GENESIS — LESSON 13 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 24, verses 1 - 9.

1. Abraham is very old. What did he ask his oldest servant to do? He asked him to make a promise not to pick a wife for Isaac from the daughters of the Canaanites.
2. Where did the servant promise to go to get a wife for Isaac? To Abraham's relatives.
3. **RISKY:** Why do you think Abraham didn't want his servant to arrange a marriage with the girls who lived nearby? The Canaanites were not God-fearing people. If Isaac married one of them, he would easily be led away from following the Lord. [Abraham saw that the Canaanites were degenerating into great wickedness. Abraham saw he should not leave the land of Canaan, even to choose a wife, lest he be tempted to settle elsewhere.]
4. Who went ahead of the servant? vs. 7 "[He] will send His angel before you."

Read Genesis chapter 24, verses 10 - 14.

1. Parents have many responsibilities in caring for their children. For many years, one responsibility was to decide who their children married. Today, parents still have many responsibilities. What does Proverbs 29:15 and 17 say about parents' responsibilities to their children? "Scolding and spanking a child helps him to learn. Left to himself, he brings shame to his mother. Discipline your son, and he will give you happiness and peace of mind."
2. **CHALLENGE:** It was a long way to Haran, and many supplies had to be carried on the trip. What did the servant take with him? vs. 10 "Ten camels loaded with samples of the best his master owned. He went to Iraq, to Nahor's village."
3. What did he do outside the city of Nahor? vs. 11 and 12 "Outside the town he made the camels kneel down beside a spring. It was the time of day for the women to come to draw water. There he prayed to the Lord, the God of his master, asking Him to help fulfill the purpose of his journey."
4. What sign did the servant ask for so he would know which girl God had chosen for Isaac? vs. 14 "This is my request: When I ask one of them for a drink and she says, 'Yes, and I will water your camels too!' let her be the one you have chosen to be Isaac's wife. That is how I will know."

Read Genesis chapter 24, verses 15 - 30.

1. What was the girl's name who came to the well? Rebekah

2. **CHALLENGE:** From this reading, in your own words, tell everything you know about Rebekah. She was pretty, young, she carried a water jug on her shoulder. Her father was Bethuel, the son of Nahor and Milcah. She willingly offered to draw water for the servant and his camels. She ran down to the spring to fill the jug for the camels to drink. She was kind, hospitable, did her work without complaint. She had a brother named Laban.
3. Did the Lord answer the servant's prayer just as he asked it? Yes.
4. Did the servant thank God for His answer? vs. 26 and 27 "The man stood there a moment with his head bowed. He was worshiping the Lord. 'Thank you, Lord God of my master Abraham. Thank you for being so kind and true to him. Thank you for leading me straight to the family of my master's relatives,' he prayed."
5. One camel can drink 20 gallons of water at one time. The servant had 10 camels. How many gallons of water did Rebekah have to draw from the well? up to 200 gallons
6. What did she receive for her kindness? vs. 22 "A gold ring weighing a half-shekel and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten shekels in gold" (NAS).

Read Genesis chapter 24, verses 31 - 49.

1. Before he ate, the servant told Laban about Abraham's riches and that he was there to find a wife for Isaac. Who did the servant say gave him success in his mission? vs. 48 "Then I bowed my head and worshiped and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham. For He had led me along just the right path to find a girl from the family of my master's brother."

Read Genesis chapter 24, verses 50 - 67.

1. Now Laban and Rebekah's father Bethuel knew the reason for the servant's visit. What was their answer? vs. 51 "Behold, Rebekah is before you, take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the Lord has spoken" (NAS).
2. The servant again thanked the Lord for answering his prayer. After giving gifts to Laban and Bethuel, he ate. Early the next morning, he was ready to leave. What did Laban and Rebekah's mother ask? vs. 55 "But we want Rebekah here at least another 10 days or so! Then she can go."
3. How did Isaac feel about Rebekah? vs. 67 "And Isaac brought Rebekah into his mother's tent, and she became his wife. He loved her very much. And she was a special comfort to him after the loss of his mother."
4. What did you learn about prayer?

GENESIS - LESSON 14

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 25, verses 1 - 18.

1. After Sarah died, Abraham married Keturah. He had more sons. What did Abraham do before he died?
2. Abraham was 175 years old when he died. Where was he buried?
3. **CHALLENGE:** What two interesting facts did you discover about Ishmael's sons?

Read Genesis chapter 25, verses 19 - 26.

1. Isaac was 40 when he married Rebekah. After many years, she still had no children. What special request did Isaac make to God?
2. What did the Lord tell Rebekah about her children?
3. What did the babies look like?
4. **RISKY:** Compare the birth of Isaac's sons to the births of Abraham's sons.

Read Genesis chapter 25, verses 27 - 34.

1. What did Esau like to do?
2. What did Jacob like to do?
3. **CHALLENGE:** According to the custom of the day, upon the father's death, the firstborn received a double part of the father's estate and took over the leadership of the family. Knowing this, do you think both the sons knew the importance of the birthright?
4. **RISKY:** What do you think:

Was what Jacob did right?

Did Esau value his birthright?

Read Genesis chapter 26, verses 1 - 11.

1. There is a famine in the land. What did God tell Isaac not to do?
2. What promise did God make to Isaac if he stayed in the land?

Read Genesis chapter 26, verses 12 - 22.

1. After Isaac's trouble with Abimelech, how did God bless Isaac?
2. What did King Abimelech ask Isaac to do?
3. **RISKY:** There seems to be much jealousy over Isaac's wealth and his many wells. Isaac didn't fight. What did he do?

Read Genesis chapter 26, verses 23 - 35.

1. **HARD:** Using a LIVING BIBLE translation, what does 1 Samuel 17:47 say about fighting?
2. **PERSONAL:** What do these words: "Do not fear, for I am with you" mean to you?
3. How did Isaac show friendliness instead of spite?
4. What does Matthew 6:14 say about forgiveness?
5. What did you learn about fighting?

GENESIS — WEEK FIFTEEN

LESSON 14 DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes Snack and group recreation: MESSAGE RELAY

Before class, write **Bible verses on several pieces of paper**. In class place verses in a **bowl**. Divide into teams, and stand behind goal line. Choose a leader for each team. Place bowl at opposite side of goal line. At the signal, each team leader runs to the bowl and picks a verse, reads it, returns to head of his line and whispers it to the next person, then hands the verse to the teacher. Team members continue whispering the verse to the next person in line, until the last in line says the verse to the teacher. The team who repeats the verse correctly is the winning team. If more than one team repeats the verse correctly, the one who recited it first is the winning team. Repeat as desired.

15 - 20 minutes Discuss LESSON 21

to end of class CRAFT: MILK BOX BIRDFEEDER

MATERIALS

clean empty milk carton

scissors

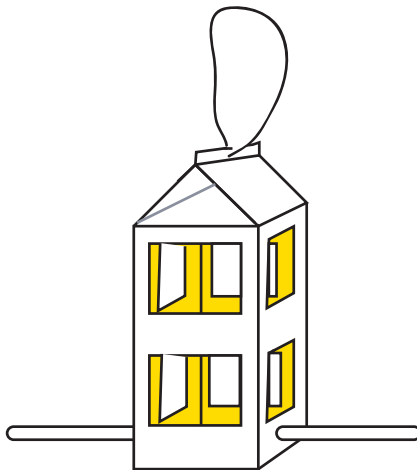
dowel

birdseed

newspaper

enamel spray paint

small zip-lock bag



Cut out the sides of milk carton as shown in the diagram.

Cut or poke out the hole for the dowel rod.

Place birdseed in a baggie and place in bottom of feeder to hold in upright position while painting.

Place feeder on newspapers and spray with enamel spray paint.

Allow to dry.

Place dowel through the hole.

Poke a hole through the top and hang with fishing line or plastic lacing.

Empty birdseed from bag into bottom of carton (you may wish to have children wait to do this until they get home).

GENESIS - LESSON 14 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 25, verses 1 - 18.

1. After Sarah died, Abraham married Keturah. He had more sons. What did Abraham do before he died? vs. 5 and 6 “Now Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac; but to the sons of his concubines, Abraham gave gifts while he was still living, and sent them away from his son Isaac eastward, to the land of the east” (NAS).
2. Abraham was 175 years old when he died. Where was he buried? In the cave of Machpelah near Mamre.
3. **CHALLENGE:** What two interesting facts did you discover about Ishmael’s sons? They became the 12 tribes that bore their names. They were always at war with each other. [This fulfills what God told Hagar in Gen. 16:12.]

Read Genesis chapter 25, verses 19 - 26.

1. Isaac was 40 when he married Rebekah. After many years, she still had no children. What special request did Isaac make to God? vs. 21 Isaac begged God to give Rebekah a child; soon she was pregnant.
2. What did the Lord tell Rebekah about her children? vs. 23 “The sons in your womb shall become two rival nations. One will be stronger than the other. And the older shall be a servant of the younger!”
3. What did the babies look like? vs. 25-26 “The first was born so covered with reddish hair that one would think he was wearing a fur coat! So they called him ‘Esau.’ The other twin was born with his hand on Esau’s heel! So he was named Jacob, meaning ‘grabber.’”
4. **RISKY:** Compare the birth of Isaac’s sons to the births of Abraham’s sons.

ABRAHAM

married a long time
2 sons born 13 years apart
God spoke to him
promised many descendants
different mothers
Abraham 86 and 100 at sons’ birth

ISAAC

married 20 years
2 sons, twins
God spoke to her
repeated promise
same mother
Isaac 60 at sons’ birth

Read Genesis chapter 25, verses 27 - 34.

1. What did Esau like to do? He liked to hunt. vs. 27.

2. What did Jacob like to do? He liked to stay at home. vs. 27.
3. **CHALLENGE:** According to the custom of the day, upon the father's death, the firstborn received a double part of the father's estate and took over the leadership of the family. Knowing this, do you think both the sons knew the importance of the birthright? Yes
4. **RISKY:** What do you think:

Was what Jacob did right? No.

Did Esau value his birthright? No. Esau despised his birthright.

Read Genesis chapter 26, verses 1 - 11.

1. There is a famine in the land. What did God tell Isaac not to do? vs. 2 "Don't go to Egypt."
2. What promise did God make to Isaac if he stayed in the land? vs. 3 "Do as I say and stay here in this land. If you do, I will be with you and bless you. I will give all this land to you and to your descendants, just as I promised Abraham your father."

Read Genesis chapter 26, verses 12 - 22.

1. After Isaac's trouble with Abimelech, how did God bless Isaac? vs. 12 and 13 "That year Isaac's crops were huge. They yielded 100 times the grain he planted, for the Lord blessed him. He soon became rich with large flocks of sheep and goats, and great herds of cattle, and many servants."
2. What did King Abimelech ask Isaac to do? vs. 16 "And King Abimelech asked Isaac to leave the country. 'Go somewhere else,' he said, 'for you have become too rich and powerful for us.'"
3. **RISKY:** There seems to be much jealousy over Isaac's wealth and his many wells. Isaac didn't fight. What did he do? [Although his actions may look as if he is a weakling, in reality he is exhibiting patience and perseverance at keeping peace.] He kept moving and digging more wells.

Read Genesis chapter 26, verses 23 - 35.

1. **HARD:** Using a LIVING BIBLE translation, what does 1 Samuel 17:47 say about fighting? "The Lord doesn't need weapons to do what He wants. He can work without the help of human strength! He will give you to us!" [God doesn't need man's help to fight His battles; He will see to it that His children receive what is rightfully theirs.]

2. **PERSONAL:** What do these words: “Do not fear, for I am with you” mean to you?
3. How did Isaac show friendliness instead of spite? He kept moving and digging. He didn't try to get even. He kept backing away and waiting for God to show him which wells he was to use and where he was to settle.
4. What does Matthew 6:14 say about forgiveness? “Your heavenly Father will forgive you if you forgive those who sin against you.”
5. What did you learn about fighting?

GENESIS - LESSON 15

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 27, verses 1 - 17.

1. Isaac is old and blind. What does he ask Esau to do?

2. Who secretly listened?

3. What did she tell Jacob to do?

4. What had God promised about Jacob? See Genesis 25:23 for your answer.

5. **CHALLENGE:** Do you think God needed her help to fulfill His promise by having Jacob deceive his father?

Read Genesis chapter 27, verses 18 - 29.

1. Did Jacob follow his mother's advice?

2. Jacob lied two times. What are the lies?

3. What do these verses say about lies?

Proverbs 12:22

Proverbs 19:9

4. Deceit is a sin. What does 1 John 1:9 say about the forgiveness of sin?

5. **HARD:** Jacob received the blessing. What was it?

Read Genesis 27, verses 30 - 40.

1. Who entered as soon as Jacob left?

2. Esau has done as Isaac asked. What does he want from Isaac?

3. Remember, Esau didn't think much about his inheritance before. How does he feel now?

Read Genesis chapter 27, verses 41 - 46 - chapter 28, verses 1 - 4.

1. How did Esau feel about Jacob?

2. What was his plan?

3. 1 John 3:15 and 16 tells us about love and hate. What does it say?

4. Isaac agreed to Rebekah's plan to send Jacob to Laban's. What does he say to Jacob in Genesis 28:4?

Read Genesis chapter 28, verses 5 - 9.

1. Did Jacob obey Isaac?

2. **RISKY:** Do you think Esau was trying to please his parents when he married again?

3. Man judges by what is seen. From these two scriptures, how does God judge?

1 Samuel 16:7

Proverbs 21:2

4. What two things did you learn about deceit or lying?

GENESIS — WEEK SIXTEEN

LESSON 15 DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes Free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes Snack and group recreation: RESCUE RELAY

Choose teams, then stand in single file behind the starting line. One player from each team stands at the opposite end of the room behind the goal line facing his team. Upon the signal, he races to the first person in his line, takes his hand and races back to the goal line. The leader stays at the goal line while the player just taken runs back to his team to get the next player. Continue the “rescue” in this manner, so that each player taken to the goal line returns to get another player until all players are in single line formation BEHIND the goal line. The first team to finish, wins.

15 - 20 minutes Discuss LESSON 15

to end of class CRAFT: SUN-CATCHERS MOBILE

MATERIALS



a.



b.



crayon shavings

iron/ironing board

wire clothes hanger

Two 12” squares of cloth

card stock or posterboard

6” squares of waxed paper

scissors

string

pattern (next page)

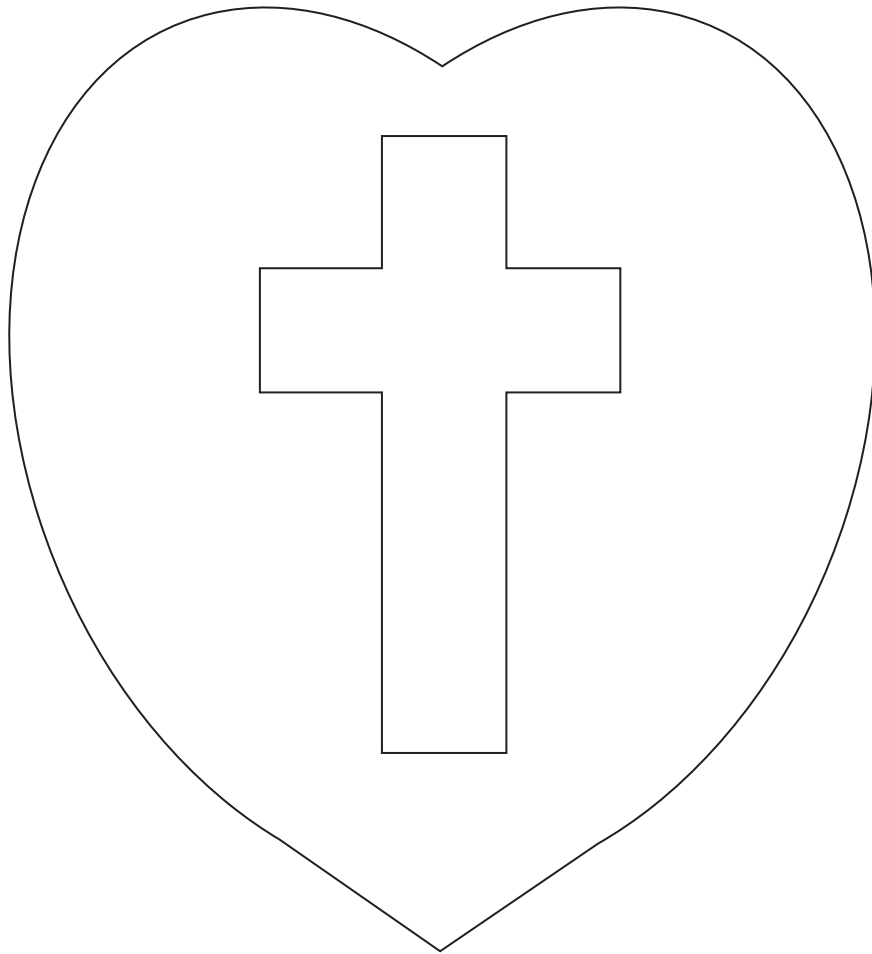
glue

Before class, photocopy the pattern from the next page, one copy per student. Shave crayons beforehand and place each color into its own container (or allow students to shave crayons in class, using a plastic serrated knife).

In class, have students trim around the edges of the heart, and cut out and remove the interior of the cross area of the pattern.

Trace the pattern twice onto card stock or posterboard. Trim around the edges of each posterboard heart, and cut out and remove the interior of each cross area. Bend wire hanger into circle; do not separate at hook (figure a). Lay one sheet of wax paper on a cloth square, cover with crayon shavings. Place second sheet of waxed paper on top of crayon shavings. Cover with second cloth, press with warm iron until shavings are melted. When cooled, glue wax paper between the two posterboard hearts. Trim away the wax paper around edges of the heart. Punch a hole in the top, lace a piece of string through it and tie onto hanger (see figure b).

Pattern for Mobile



GENESIS – LESSON 15 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 27, verses 1 - 17.

1. Isaac is old and blind. What does he ask Esau to do? He wants him to take his bow and arrow and go out to the field and hunt game and then prepare a savory dish that he loves; to bring it in to him so that he may eat and bless Esau before he dies.
2. Who secretly listened? Rebekah
3. What did she tell Jacob to do? vs. 8 - 10 “Go now to the flock and bring me 2 choice kids from there, that I may prepare them as a savory dish for your father, such as he loves. Then you shall bring it to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death.”
4. What had God promised about Jacob? See Genesis 25:23 for your answer. “And the Lord said to her, ‘Two nations are in your womb; and two peoples shall be separated from your body; one people shall be stronger than the other; the older shall serve the younger’” (NAS).
5. **CHALLENGE:** Do you think God needed her help to fulfill His promise by having Jacob deceive his father? No. We don’t know how He would have caused it to happen, but He would have had Esau’s people serve Jacob’s without this interference. Neither Isaac, Rebekah, nor Jacob believed what God had said. If they had, Isaac would not have tried to give the blessing to Esau; Rebekah and Jacob would not have used fraud and deceit. They all followed their own feelings and wants in contradiction to the distinct Word of God.

Read Genesis chapter 27, verses 18 - 29.

1. Did Jacob follow his mother’s advice? Yes.
2. Jacob lied two times. What are the lies? He claimed to be Esau and to have done what Isaac had asked. He also claimed Isaac’s God had helped him to get the job done quickly.
3. What do these verses say about lies?

Proverbs 12:22 “Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal faithfully are His delight” (NAS).

Proverbs 19:9 “A false witness shall be punished. A liar shall be caught.”

4. Deceit is a sin. What does 1 John 1:9 say about the forgiveness of sin? “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (NAS).

5. **HARD:** Jacob received the blessing. What was it? vs. 28 “May God always give you plenty of rain for your crops, and good harvests and grapes. May many nations be your slaves. Be the master of your brothers. May all your relatives bow low before you. Cursed are all who curse you and blessed are all who bless you.”

Read Genesis 27, verses 30 - 40.

1. Who entered as soon as Jacob left? Esau
2. Esau has done as Isaac asked. What does he want from Isaac? He wants Isaac to bless him.
3. Remember, Esau didn't think much about his inheritance before. How does he feel now? Isaac began to tremble. Esau begins to sob with deep and bitter sobs. He begged his father to give him at least one blessing. Isaac finally agreed. “Yours will be no life of ease and luxury. But you shall hew your way with your sword. For a time you will serve your brother. But you will at last shake loose from him and be free.”

Read Genesis chapter 27, verse 41, through chapter 28, verse 4.

1. How did Esau feel about Jacob? vs. 41a “So Esau hated Jacob because of what he had done to him.”
2. What was his plan? vs. 41b “He said to himself, ‘My father will soon be gone, and then I will kill Jacob.’”
3. 1 John 3:15 and 16 tells us about love and hate. What does it say? “Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” (NAS).
4. Isaac agreed to Rebekah's plan to send Jacob to Laban's. What does he say to Jacob in Genesis 28:4? “May God pass on to you and to your descendants the mighty blessings promised to Abraham. May you own this land where we now are foreigners, for God has given it to Abraham.”

Read Genesis chapter 28, verses 5 - 9.

1. Did Jacob obey Isaac? Yes. vs. 5 “So Isaac sent Jacob away. He went to Paddan-aram to visit his Uncle Laban.” [Jacob is 77 years old at this time. Jacob's age is arrived by counting backwards from his age mentioned in Genesis 47:9.]

2. **RISKY:** Do you think Esau was trying to please his parents when he married again? Yes. His other wives were from the area. And since his parents sent Jacob away to “relatives” he thought if he married a girl from his Uncle Ishmael’s family, his parents would be pleased with him.

3. Man judges by what is seen. From these two scriptures, how does God judge?

1 Samuel 16:7 “But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Don’t judge by a man’s face or height. This is not the man I have chosen. I don’t make decisions the way you do! People accept others by the way they look on the outside. But I look inside a person. I look at a person’s heart and thoughts.’”

Proverbs 21:2 “We can justify of every deed. But God looks at our motives.”

4. What two things did you learn about deceit or lying?

GENESIS — LESSON 16

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 28, verses 10 - 14.

1. Where and how did Jacob spend his first night away from home?
2. **CHALLENGE:** How would you feel if you were Jacob?
3. **HARD:** What did Jacob take with him on his trip?
4. **RISKY:** What do you think Jacob's dream means?
5. **HARD:** There is a phrase in Genesis 28:14 that hints that the line of Jacob will bless the world. What is it?

Read Genesis chapter 28, verse 15 - 22.

1. What else does God promise Jacob in verse 15?
2. The Lord Jesus Christ said something very much like this in Matthew 28:20. What is it?
3. What did Jacob say after he woke up?
4. **HARD:** Why do you think Jacob named the place "Bethel"?
5. In Genesis 14:20, Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all he had won in the war. A tithe is a tenth of anything. What promise is found in Malachi 3:10?

Read Genesis chapter 29, verses 1 - 20.

1. When Jacob found out the men at the well were from Haran, what did he ask them?
2. What was their answer?
3. What did Jacob do when he saw Rachel?
4. **RISKY:** Why do you think Jacob acted the way he did?
5. Laban was not a young man, yet he did something here that he also did when Abraham's servant came to his country. What does verse 13 say Laban did?
6. How many years did Jacob work for Laban in order to marry Rachel?

Read Genesis chapter 29, verses 21 - 35.

1. Jacob deceived his father. What happened to Jacob in Genesis 29, verses 23 and 25?
2. **CHALLENGE:** According to Genesis 29:27, how many more years did Jacob work for Laban in order for Rachel to be his wife?
3. According to Luke 6:31 how should we treat others?
4. What are the names of Leah's four sons?

GENESIS — WEEK SEVENTEEN

LESSON 16 DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: RELAY/OBSTACLE RACE

Divide into teams. Set up obstacles (chairs, stack of books, anything that must be run around) in middle of playing area. Designate start and end lines. Each team is to have a pencil or a crayon to use as the baton. All teams stand behind the start line. At the mark, the first player of each team must race around the obstacles to the end line and then back again around the obstacles. When he reaches his team he must hand off the baton to the next player, and moves to the end of his team. Game continues until the team is back in its original position.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 17

to end of class CRAFT: YARN POSTER

MATERIALS

4 ply single strand worsted cotton yarn (or single strand embroidery thread)

poster board (at least 8 1/2" x 11")

glue

paper cup/container

paint brush/cotton swab

scissors

pop top tab

glitter

tooth picks (optional)

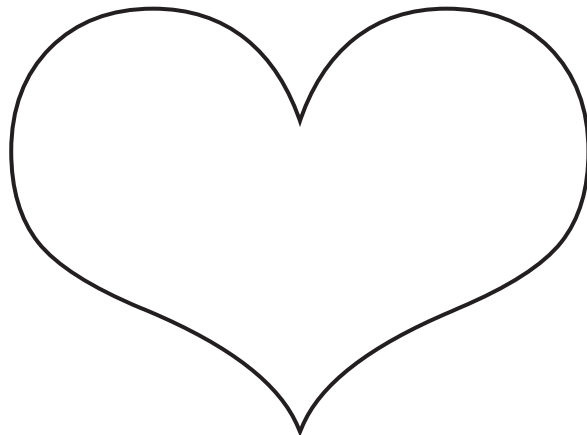
Trace the “GOD IS (LOVE) ♥” picture (see next page) onto poster board, or glue a copy of the page onto the poster board (cut header and footer lines from page before copying). Pour glue into cup or other container, water it down if necessary.

With paint brush or cotton swab, paint glue along a section of the outline of a letter or the heart. Do only a small section at a time. Press one end of the yarn or thread into the glue. Follow the outline until the yarn/thread reaches the beginning point. The glue tends to stick to the fingers so you may want to use the tooth picks as a tool to press the yarn/thread onto the glue line.

The inside of the shape can be filled in with other yarn, thread, or glitter. Allow to dry thoroughly. Glue the pop top tab to back for hanging.

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GENESIS – LESSON 16 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 28, verses 10 - 14.

1. Where and how did Jacob spend his first night away from home? He made camp; found a rock for a headrest and lay down to sleep. [Bethel is 12 miles north of Jerusalem; Jacob's home was probably 25 or 30 miles south of Jerusalem. Therefore, Jacob covered at least 40 miles that first day. Bethel is a dreary place, described as a bleak moorland with large, bare rocks. It is 1200 feet above sea level, in the hills.]
2. **CHALLENGE:** How would you feel if you were Jacob? He was probably lonely, and homesick. This was probably his first time away from home.
3. **HARD:** What did Jacob take with him on his trip? It would appear, since no mention is made of provisions being taken, that he travelled rather light. Also, since he used a stone for his head, he obviously didn't have a tent.
4. **RISKY:** What do you think Jacob's dream means? This is a very hard symbol. The ladder represents Jesus Christ who bridged the gap between earth and heaven, which provides sinful man a "way" to God. The angels demonstrate their ministering to the Son of man. The ladder reached down to sinful man. Jesus Christ reached down to man when He came to earth in human flesh.
5. **HARD:** There is a phrase in Genesis 28:14 that hints that the line of Jacob will bless the world. What is it? "And all the nations of the earth will be blessed through you and your descendants."

Read Genesis chapter 28, verse 15 - 22.

1. What else does God promise Jacob in verse 15? "Always remember that I am with you. I will protect you wherever you go. And I will bring you back safely to this land. I will be with you always until I have finished giving you all I am promising."
2. The Lord Jesus Christ said something very much like this in Matthew 28:20. What is it? "I am with you always, even to the end of the world."
3. What did Jacob say after he woke up? vs. 16 "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it" (NAS).
4. **HARD:** Why do you think Jacob named the place "Bethel"? Bethel means "House of God." He called it this because God was there (see verse 15).

5. In Genesis 14:20, Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all he had won in the war. A tithe is a tenth of anything. What promise is found in Malachi 3:10? “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows’” (NAS).

Read Genesis chapter 29, verses 1 - 20.

1. When Jacob found out the men at the well were from Haran, what did he ask them? If they knew Nahor.
2. What was their answer? They knew Nahor; they pointed to the girl who was approaching as Rachel, his daughter.
3. What did Jacob do when he saw Rachel? He rolled the stone away from the well for her sheep to drink. Then he kissed her and started crying. Then he explained who he was.
4. **RISKY:** Why do you think Jacob acted the way he did? He was probably lonely, and very glad to see a relative. He had finally come to the place where he would find a wife. He could also have been happy to see a prospective bride would be beautiful.
5. Laban was not a young man, yet he did something here that he also did when Abraham’s servant came to his country. What does verse 13 say Laban did? He ran to meet Jacob, embraced him and kissed him, and brought him home. [Kissing among men in the East is common.]
6. How many years did Jacob work for Laban in order to marry Rachel? seven

Read Genesis chapter 29, verses 21 - 35.

1. Jacob deceived his father. What happened to Jacob in Genesis 29, verses 23 and 25? He was deceived by Laban: “Now it came about in the evening that he took his daughter Leah, and brought her to him; and Jacob went in to her. So it came about in the morning, that behold, it was Leah! And he said to Laban ‘What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served with you? Why then have you deceived me?’” (NAS).
2. **CHALLENGE:** According to Genesis 29:27, how many more years did Jacob work for Laban in order for Rachel to be his wife? 7 more
3. According to Luke 6:31 how should we treat others? “Treat others as you want them to treat you.”
4. What are the names of Leah’s four sons? Reuben—because the Lord has seen my affliction; Simeon—because the Lord has heard that I am unloved, He has therefore given me this son also; Levi—because I have given my husband 3 sons he will become attached to me; Judah—this time I will praise the Lord.

GENESIS — LESSON 17

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis 30, verses 1 - 24.

1. Why was Rachel jealous of her sister Leah?
2. **CHALLENGE:** Use a dictionary to find the meaning of these two words.

envy:

jealous:

3. What does 1 Corinthians 13:4 say?
4. Who was born to Leah after the birth of her sixth son?

Read Genesis chapter 30, verses 25 - 43.

1. God remembered Rachel, and Joseph was born. What did Jacob want to do now?
2. God blessed Laban because of all Jacob had done. Laban wanted to keep Jacob with him. What did Laban promise Jacob?
3. Did Laban keep his promise?
4. **HARD:** Promise, swearing an oath, and vow, are synonyms. What does James 5:12 say about keeping one's word?

Read Genesis chapter 31, verses 1 - 22.

1. Jacob became wealthy. How did his brothers-in-law feel about him?

2. What did the Lord tell Jacob to do?
3. After God spoke to Jacob, he spoke to his wives. What did they do?
4. How long did it take Laban to miss them?

Read Genesis chapter 30, verses 23 - 35

1. Laban was angry that Jacob and his family had left. What did God say that changed his attitude?
2. What reason did Laban give Jacob for wanting to know why he left?
3. Jacob denied stealing Laban's idols. What did Jacob say should happen to the person who took them?
4. Who took the idols?
5. What does Romans 3:23 say about sin?

Read Genesis chapter 31, verses 36 - 55

1. How long had Jacob worked for Laban?
2. What does Genesis 31:49 say the covenant, or promise, was that Jacob and Laban made?
3. **HARD:** What happened after this pact was made?

GENESIS — WEEK EIGHTEEN

LESSON 17 DISCUSSION

- 15 - 20 minutes Free time — games, fellowship
Note: you may wish to paint the sugar cubes for the craft now.
- 15 - 20 minutes Snack and group recreation: SIMPLE RELAY
- Divide into teams. Team members line up behind the goal line. Place a **book** (not too heavy and of equal weight and size) on the head of the first player in each line. The object is to make it to the opposite goal and back. If the book falls off, player must stop, pick it up and continue. When player reaches teammates, he hands the book to the second player in line and then goes to end of row, while the second player repeats the process. This is done until the first player is in his original position, and all players are sitting down.
- 15 - 20 minutes Discuss LESSON 17
- to end of class CRAFT: SUGAR CUBE FRAME PICTURE

MATERIALS

sugar cubes	paint/brushes
magazine pictures, or own design	glue
scissors	newspaper
light cardboard (cereal carton)	waxed paper
bowls	

Cover work area with newspapers. Separate paints into bowls. Hold the cube between the thumb and index finger; paint the remaining sides. Set cube on waxed paper and paint the top. The bottom will remain unpainted and will be glued to the construction paper. Allow to dry. Meanwhile, choose magazine picture, or draw your own and glue to the cardboard. When cubes are dry, glue them around the edge of the picture, or around various parts of the picture. For example, if you have a picture of a cabin in the mountains, place the cubes around the outside of the cabin. Be sure to cover the bottom of each cube completely with glue. If using the cubes in the center of the picture as well as an edging, do the center first and work out toward the edges.

GENESIS — LESSON 17 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 30, verses 1 - 24.

1. Why was Rachel jealous of her sister Leah? Because Leah was having children and Rachel was not.
2. **CHALLENGE:** Use a dictionary to find the meaning of these two words.

envy: feeling of discontent aroused by the advantages or possessions of another; resentful jealousy

jealous: hostile toward a rival or one believed to enjoy an advantage.

3. What does 1 Corinthians 13:4 say? “Love is very patient and kind. It is never jealous or envious. It never boasts or is proud.”
4. Who was born to Leah after the birth of her sixth son? vs. 21 “After that she gave birth to a daughter and named her Dinah.”

Read Genesis chapter 30, verses 25 - 43.

1. God remembered Rachel, and Joseph was born. What did Jacob want to do now? vs. 25 “I want to go back home.”
2. God blessed Laban because of all Jacob had done. Laban wanted to keep Jacob with him. What did Laban promise Jacob? vs. 31-33 Jacob suggested Laban give him all the goats that were speckled, spotted, or black. And Laban agreed. [In Middle East culture, these animals had no merit. Jacob was leaving Laban with the best of the flock.]
3. Did Laban keep his promise? No. He removed the spotted ones and had his sons take them 3 days journey away.
4. **HARD:** Promise, swearing an oath, and vow, are synonyms. What does James 5:12 say about keeping one’s word? “Most of all, brothers, don’t swear by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no. That way you won’t sin and be guilty for it.”

Read Genesis chapter 31, verses 1 - 22.

1. Jacob became wealthy. How did his brothers-in-law feel about him? “Now Jacob heard the words of Laban’s sons, saying, ‘Jacob has taken away all that was our father’s and from what belonged to our father he has made all this wealth.’ And Jacob saw the attitude of Laban, and it

was not friendly toward him as before” (NAS).

2. What did the Lord tell Jacob to do? vs. 3 “Then the Lord said to Jacob, ‘Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you’” (NAS).
3. After God spoke to Jacob, he spoke to his wives. What did they say? vs. 16b “Now then, do whatever God has said to you.”
4. How long did it take Laban to miss them? vs. 22 three days

Read Genesis chapter 30, verses 23 - 35.

1. Laban was angry that Jacob and his family had left. What did God say that changed his attitude? vs. 24 “That night God appeared to Laban in a dream. ‘Watch what you say to Jacob, don’t give him your blessing and don’t curse him.’”
2. What reason did Laban give Jacob for wanting to know why he left? vs. 27-28 “Why didn’t you give me a chance to have a farewell party with singing and harp? Why didn’t you let me kiss my grandchildren and tell them good-bye? This is a strange way to act.”
3. Jacob denied stealing Laban’s idols. What did Jacob say should happen to the person who took them? vs. 32 “But as for your household idols, a curse upon anyone who took them. Let him die! If you find a single thing we’ve stolen from you, I swear before all these men, I’ll give it back without question.”
4. Who took the idols? Rachel
5. What does Romans 3:23 say about sin? “Yes, all have sinned. All fall short of God’s perfect glory.”

Read Genesis chapter 31, verses 36 - 55.

1. How long had Jacob worked for Laban? vs. 38 twenty years.
2. What does Genesis 31:49 say the covenant, or promise, was that Jacob and Laban made? Mizpah. “For [he] said, ‘May the Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from the other.’”
3. **HARD:** What happened after this pact was made? Jacob offered a sacrifice. They had a meal, spent the night on the mountain, and early the next morning Laban arose, kissed his grandsons and granddaughters and blessed them. Then he departed and returned to his place.

GENESIS — LESSON 18

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 32, verses 1 -21.

1. Jacob sent messengers to his brother Esau to tell Esau he was now a rich man. What does the last sentence of verse 5 say?
2. How many men did the messengers say were coming with Esau?
3. Jacob was afraid Esau would carry out his murder threat. What does II Timothy 1:7 say about fear?
4. **CHALLENGE:** We learned in Lesson 16 Jacob left home without taking provisions. How does Genesis 32:10 confirm this?
5. **HARD:** After the messengers' news, Jacob divided his family into two groups. After his prayer he decided to give Esau a present. What kind and how many animals did he send to Esau?
6. Write the instructions found in verses 16 - 19 that Jacob gave his messengers.

Read Genesis chapter 32, verses 22 - 32.

1. What does Jacob decide to do during the night?
2. With whom did Jacob fight?

3. What is Jacob's new name?

Read Genesis chapter 33, verses 1 - 11.

1. According to verses 2 and 3, what did Jacob do when he saw Esau coming?
2. Jacob bowed to Esau 7 times. What did Esau do? See verse 4.
3. Esau seems happy to see Jacob. He shows his kindness with a hug and kiss. What does Ephesians 4:32 say about kindness?

Read Genesis chapter 33, verses 12 -20.

1. Since Jacob gave Esau such a nice gift of animals, what does verse 12 say Esau wants to do?
2. What was Jacob's answer?
3. **CHALLENGE:** Using a Bible map, trace the places mentioned in these two chapters.
Genesis 32:2 - Mahanaim
Genesis 32:31 - Peniel (Penuel)
Genesis 33:16 - Seir (southeast of Beersheba)
Genesis 33:17 - Succoth
Genesis 33:18 - Shechem
4. The top of a map usually points north. Using your map, which way did Esau go? Which way did Jacob go?
5. **RISKY:** We learned in II Timothy 1:7 about fear, and in Ephesians 4:32 about kindness. Which of these emotions do you need to ask the Lord's help?

GENESIS — WEEK NINETEEN

LESSON 18 DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes Free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes Snack and group recreation: SPOON RELAY

Divide into teams. Team members stand side by side about an arm's length apart. (Stand so that the first player's right arm is at the front of the line.) A spoon is placed on the right side of the first player on each team. At the signal, the first player of each team reaches down and picks up the spoon with his right hand, stands and transfers the spoon into his left hand, and bends to place it on his left side. Then he sits down. The second player reaches down and picks up the spoon with his right hand, stands and transfers it to his left hand, and bends to place it on his left side, then sits down. Thus, the spoon is passed across the players from first to last. The team sitting down first wins.

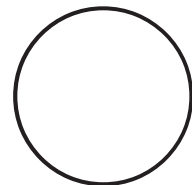
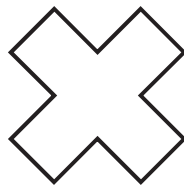
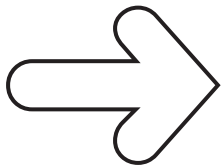
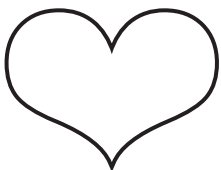
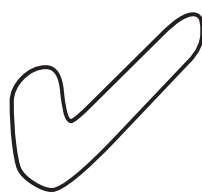
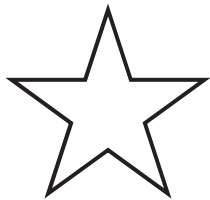
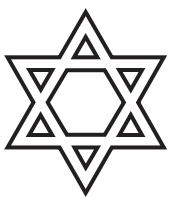
15 - 20 minutes Discuss LESSON 18

to end of class CRAFT: RUBBER STAMPS

MATERIALS

shoe insoles (found in drug stores, 2 per package)
ball point pen rubber cement
scissors ink pads
jar lid or small wood blocks (found in craft stores) or
large wooden spools (good for initials and small designs)

Make one photocopy per child of the letters and designs on the next page. On the smoother side of the insole, trace or draw a design with the ball point pen. Carefully cut out design. Glue cut-out to a wood block, jar lid, or spool with the rubber cement. When the cement dries, stamps are ready to use. Several stamps can be made per child, depending on the size of class, and the number of stamps you can get from the insoles.



GENESIS – LESSON 18 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 32, verses 1 -21.

1. Jacob sent messengers to his brother Esau to tell Esau he was now a rich man. What does the last sentence of verse 5 say? “I have sent these messengers to tell you of my coming. I am hoping that you will be friendly to us.”
2. How many men did the messengers say were coming with Esau? An army of 400 men.
3. Jacob was afraid Esau would carry out his murder threat. What does II Timothy 1:7 say about fear? “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (NKJV). [The believer is to have fear in the sense of awe, but not cowardice. A sound mind means believers should be disciplined; not act on changing emotions.]
4. **CHALLENGE:** We learned in Lesson 16 Jacob left home without taking provisions. How does Genesis 32:10 confirm this? [In his prayer to the Lord, Jacob is making a statement.] “I am unworthy of all the loving kindness and of all the faithfulness which Thou hast shown to Thy servant; for with my staff only I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two companies” (NAS).
5. **HARD:** After the messengers’ news, Jacob divided his family into two groups. After his prayer he decided to give Esau a present. What kind and how many animals did he send to Esau? 200 female goats, 20 male goats, 200 ewes, 20 rams, 30 milk camels with their colts, 40 cows, 10 bulls, 20 female donkeys, 10 male donkeys. A total of 580 animals.
6. Write the instructions found in verses 16 - 19 that Jacob gave his messengers. “He told his servants to drive them on ahead. Each group of animals went by itself, separated by a distance between. He told the men driving the first group that when they met Esau and he asked, ‘Where are you going? Whose servants are you? Whose animals are these?’ They should reply: ‘These belong to your servant Jacob. They are a present for his master Esau! He is coming right behind us!’” [Remember the older was to serve the younger, yet Jacob called Esau “master”.]

Read Genesis chapter 30, verses 22 - 32.

1. What does Jacob decide to do during the night? vs. 22 “But during the night he got up and wakened his 2 wives and their 2 servant girls and 11 sons. He sent them across the Jordan River at the Jabbok ford with all that he owned. He then came back again to the camp and was there alone.”
2. With whom did Jacob fight? “And a Man wrestled with him until dawn.”

3. What is Jacob's new name? Israel.

Read Genesis chapter 33, verses 1 - 11.

1. According to verses 2 and 3, what did Jacob do when he saw Esau coming? vs. 2 "Jacob now put his family into a line. He placed his 2 servant girls and their children at the head. Leah and her children came next, and Rachel and Joseph were last. Then Jacob went on ahead. As he came near his brother he bowed low 7 times."
2. Jacob bowed to Esau 7 times. What did Esau do? See verse 4. "And then Esau ran to meet him and hugged him and kissed him. Both of them were in tears."
3. Esau seems happy to see Jacob, he shows his kindness with a hug and kiss. What does Ephesians 4:32 say about kindness? "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you" (NAS).

Read Genesis chapter 33, verses 12 -20.

1. Since Jacob gave Esau such a nice gift of animals, what does verse 12 say Esau wants to do? "Well, let's be going" Esau said. "My men and I will stay with you and lead the way."
2. What was Jacob's answer? "But Jacob replied, 'As you can see some of the children are small and the flocks and herds have their young. And if they are driven too hard, they will die. So you go on ahead of us. We'll follow at our own pace and meet you at Seir.'"
3. **CHALLENGE:** Using a Bible map, trace the places mentioned in these two chapters.

Genesis	32:2	Mahanaim
Genesis	32:31	Peniel (Penuel)
Genesis	33:16	Seir (southeast of Beersheba)
Genesis	33:17	Succoth
Genesis	33:18	Shechem

4. The top of a map always points north. Using your map, which way did Esau go? Which way did Jacob go? Esau, south. Jacob, west and north.
5. **RISKY:** We learned in II Timothy 1:7 about fear, and in Ephesians 4:32 about kindness. For which of these emotions do you need to ask the Lord's help?

GENESIS — LESSON 19

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 34, verses 1 - 17.

1. Who did Dinah visit?

2. After Shechem shamed Dinah, he wanted to marry her. What did her father do about the request?

3. Dinah's brothers made a deceitful agreement. What does Romans 3:13 say about deceit?

4. What does Jeremiah 17:9 say about the heart?

Read Genesis chapter 34, verses 18 - 31.

1. What did Hamor and Shechem say to convince the other men of the city to be circumcised? See verse 23.

2. **HARD:** Circumcision did not change a pagan into a believer in the one true God. What does Romans 2:28,29 say about circumcision?

3. What does Psalm 44:21 say about the heart?
4. According to Genesis 34:25 and 26 what did Simeon and Levi do to rescue Dinah?
5. What did the other brothers do?
6. How did Jacob feel? See verse 30.
7. **RISKY**: Jacob's sons were not wise in their dealings with Shechem. What does Proverbs 15:20 say?

Read Genesis chapter 35, verses 1 - 15.

1. God told Jacob to move to Bethel. Jacob built an altar there before. What vow does Genesis 28:20-22 say Jacob made there?
2. **HARD**: Jacob told his family to get rid of their idols and purify themselves so they could worship God. An idol is anything a person thinks more about than they do God. Do people today have idols?

3. What does 1 Samuel 16:7 say about the heart?

4. **CHALLENGE:** According to verse 5, why do you think the people of the cities were afraid of Jacob and his family?

5. What promises does God repeat in verses 10 - 12?

Read Genesis chapter 35, verses 16 - 29.

1. What did Rachel name her second son?

2. What did Israel (Jacob) change it to?

3. How old was Isaac?

4. Who buried him?

5. What did you learn about the heart?

GENESIS — WEEK TWENTY

LESSON 19 DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes Free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes Snack and group recreation: QUICK OBSERVATION

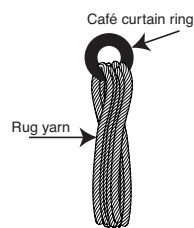
Choose three players, about the same size, to be actors. The actors leave the room. In another room one actor exchanges an article of clothing with another, adds or removes something, combs hair differently, etc. (This should be supervised.) Items to be exchanged could be a belt, a shoe, a sock, a hat, an outer shirt or sweater, etc. In single file they reenter the main room, and parade in front of other players once and return to their dressing room. The first observation player to raise his hand makes a guess at to what has changed. If he guesses right, he gets a point. If not, someone else gives it a try. In the meantime, the actors are altering their appearance again. Or not. And play continues until time is called or goal has been reached. Changing places gives others a chance.

15 - 20 minutes Discuss LESSON 6

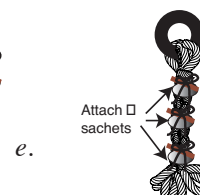
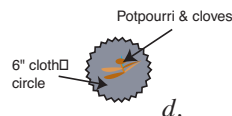
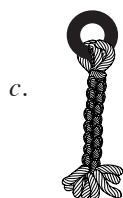
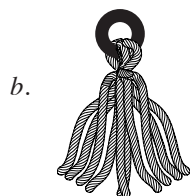
to end of class CRAFT: SPICE ROPES

MATERIALS

whole cloves, potpourri	3 - 6" pieces ribbon
3 circles of cloth, 6"-7"	6 - 36" strands rug yarn
café curtain ring, or wooden hoop	2 - 6" pieces rug yarn
3 cinnamon sticks (optional)	3 safety pins



Before class, cut cloth circles with pinking shears. In class, pull 36" yarn strands through the café curtain hoop to the middle of the yarn; fold over (see figure a.) Tie off the ring at the top with a piece of yarn, leaving tails (see figure b.) Have the students take turns holding each other's hoop while the strands of yarn are divided into thirds of 4 strands each and braided. Secure end with another piece of yarn (see figure c.) To make sachets: Fill cloth circles with spice (figure d.); tie with a piece of ribbon, add a cinnamon stick (optional) and attach to rope with safety pin (figure e.)



GENESIS – LESSON 19 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 34, verses 1 - 17.

1. Who did Dinah visit? “One day Dinah, Leah’s daughter, went out to visit some of the girls nearby.”
2. After Shechem shamed Dinah, he wanted to marry her. What did her father do about the request? vs. 5 “Word soon reached Jacob of what had happened. But his sons were out in the fields herding cattle, so he did nothing until they came back.”
3. Dinah’s brothers made a deceitful agreement. What does Romans 3:13 say about deceit? “Their talk is foul and dirty like the smell from an open grave. Their tongues are loaded with lies. Everything they say is like the sting and poison of deadly snakes.”
4. What does Jeremiah 17:9 say about the heart? “The heart, more than anything else, is very wicked. No one can really know how bad it is!” [But verse 10 says: “Only the Lord knows! He searches all hearts and looks into the deepest motives. That way He can give to each person his right reward. He can give to him according to how he has lived.”]

Read Genesis chapter 34, verses 18 - 31.

1. What did Hamor and Shechem say to convince the other men of the city to be circumcised? See verse 23. “But if we do this, then all they have will become ours and the land will be enriched. Come on, let’s agree to this so that they will settle here among us.”
2. **HARD:** Circumcision did not change a pagan into a believer in the one true God. What does Romans 2:28,29 say about circumcision? “For you were born of Jewish parents. You have gone through the Jewish ceremony of circumcision. But that doesn’t make you a real Jew. No, a real Jew is anyone whose heart is right with God. For God is not looking for those who cut their bodies in circumcision. He is looking for people with changed hearts and minds. Whoever has that kind of change will be praised not by you but by God.”
3. What does Psalm 44:21 say about the heart? “But if so, would God not know it? Yes, He knows the secrets of every heart.”
4. According to Genesis 34:25 and 26 what did Simeon and Levi do to rescue Dinah? “But 3 days later, their wounds were sore and sensitive to every move they made. Two of Dinah’s brothers, Simeon and Levi, took their swords, and entered the city. No one tried to stop them. They slaughtered every man there, including Hamor and Shechem. They rescued Dinah from Shechem’s house and returned to their camp again.”

5. What did the other brothers do? vs. 27-29 “Then all of Jacob’s sons went over and plundered the city because their sister had been dishonored there. They took all the flocks and herds and donkeys. They took all they could lay their hands on, both inside the city and outside in the fields. And they took all the women and children and wealth of every kind.”
6. How did Jacob feel? See verse 30. “Then Jacob said to Levi and Simeon, ‘You have made me stink among all the people of this land—all the Canaanites and Perizzites. We are so few that they will come and crush us, and we will all be killed.’”
7. **RISKY:** Jacob’s sons were not wise in their dealings with Shechem. What does Proverbs 15:20 say? “A good son makes his father glad. A wicked son makes his mother sad.”

Read Genesis chapter 35, verses 1 - 15.

1. God told Jacob to move to Bethel. Jacob built an altar there before. What vow does Genesis 28:20-22 say Jacob made there? “And Jacob vowed this vow to God: ‘If God will help and protect me on this journey and give me food and clothes, and will bring me back safely to my father, then I will choose the Lord as my God! And this pillar shall become a place for worship. And I will give you back a tenth of all you give me!’”
2. **HARD:** Jacob told his family to get rid of their idols and purify themselves so they could worship God. An idol is anything a person thinks more about than they do God. Do people today have idols? Answers will vary on this: TV, sports, food, friends, fun, etc.
3. What does 1 Samuel 16:7 say about the heart? “But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Don’t judge by a man’s face or height. This is not the man I have chosen. I don’t make decisions the way you do! People accept others by the way they look on the outside. But I look inside a person. I look at a person’s heart and thoughts.’”
4. **CHALLENGE:** According to verse 5, why do you think the people of the cities were afraid of Jacob and his family? “Then they started on again. The terror of God was upon all the cities they journeyed through. And so, they were not attacked.”
5. What promises does God repeat in verses 10 - 12? “And God said to him, ‘You shall no longer be called Jacob (“Grabber”). Your new name is Israel (“One who prevails with God”). I am God Almighty,’ the Lord said to him. ‘And I will cause you to be fertile and to multiply. You will become a great nation, yes, many nations. Many kings shall be among your descendants. And I will pass on to you the land I gave to Abraham and Isaac. Yes, I will give it to you and to your descendants.’”

Read Genesis chapter 35, verses 16 - 29.

1. What did Rachel name her second son? vs. 18 “And with Rachel’s last breath (for she died) she named him ‘Ben-oni’ (Son of my sorrow).”
2. What did Israel (Jacob) change it to? vs. 18 “But his father called him ‘Benjamin’ (Son of my right hand).”
3. How old was Isaac? 180
4. Who buried him? His sons Esau and Jacob.
5. What did you learn about the heart?

GENESIS — LESSON 20

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 35, verse 29 through chapter 36, verse 43.

1. Why did Esau move to Mt. Seir? See verse 7.
2. According to Genesis 36:8,9, what was Esau's family called after they moved to the hill country of Seir?
3. According to Genesis 36:31, who were the first to have kings, Israel or Edom?

Read Genesis chapter 37, verses 1 - 11.

1. How old is Joseph now?
2. What was his job?
3. Jacob showed favoritism to Joseph by giving him a beautiful coat. How did this make the brothers feel?
4. **CHALLENGE:** What does 1 John 4:20,21 say about love and hate?
5. **PERSONAL:** Playing favorites causes hurt to someone, because someone is always in second place. How do you feel when a friend likes someone else better than you?

6. **HARD:** Joseph had two dreams that were alike. Tell about them.

7. Why were the brothers angry after Joseph told them his dreams? See verse 8.

8. What does Ephesians 4:26, 27 say about anger?

Read Genesis chapter 37, verses 12 - 24.

1. What did Jacob ask Joseph to do in verse 14?

2. What was the brothers' reaction when they saw Joseph coming? See verses 19, 20.

3. Joseph is a picture of what the future Messiah would be like. Jesus had a problem with people hating Him too. What does Luke 6:11 say about this?

4. According to 1 Corinthians 3:3b, what is the cause of jealousy and strife?

5. **PERSONAL:** If you have asked Jesus to be your Savior and given your life to Him, are you still wanting your own way? If you have not asked Jesus to be your Savior, why not do it today? Why not give your life to Him and let Him control you? Confess your sins; tell Him you want to give up having your own way and have Him control your life; ask Him to come into your life to help you live as He wants you to.

6. What was Reuben's plan?

Read Genesis, chapter 37, verses 25 - 36.

1. What did the brothers do after they tore off Joseph's coat and threw him into the pit?
2. **CHALLENGE:** When someone is jealous or angry with you, what does Ephesians 4:29 say you should do?
3. When the brothers saw the caravan, they decided to sell Joseph. How much did they get for him? Where did the caravan take him?
4. Reuben tore his clothes, an ancient custom of grief, when he returned and found Joseph gone. What did the brothers do?
5. What did Jacob do?
6. The sins of hatred, unkindness and jealousy come from envy. What does Galatians 5:26 tell us about how we should live?
7. What did you learn about jealousy?

GENESIS — WEEK TWENTY-ONE

LESSON 20 DISCUSSION

- 15 - 20 minutes Free time — games, fellowship
- Note: you may wish to start craft early, as paint will need to dry on styrofoam cups prior to other steps.
- 15 - 20 minutes Snack and group recreation: SHEP SHEPHERDS SIMPLE SHEEP
- Sit in a circle. One person is chosen to be Shep. Shep sits in the center of the circle, and pretending to be a dog, trots over to a player in the circle and begins acting like a dog, barking, howling (don't let it get too out of hand), etc. The player must stroke Shep's head and say, "Shep shepherds simple sheep" three times. And it must be done without smiling or laughing. Shep, on the other hand, is doing his best to make the player smile. If the person who is petting smiles, he must change places with Shep. Someone needs to act as judge to be sure the rules are followed.
- 15 - 20 minutes Discuss LESSON 7
- to end of class CRAFT: POPSICLE STICK PUZZLE

MATERIALS

popsicle sticks smooth or notched
marking pens
masking tape
small plastic zip-lock bag

Place sticks so a picture can be drawn on one side. Tape other side so sticks don't move. Draw on untaped side. Remove tape, mix the sticks, you now have an interesting puzzle. Or, the sticks can be broken (notched ones are good for this), making the puzzle more difficult. Puzzle pieces may be kept in the zip-lock bag. Let the students take turns trying to solve each other's puzzle.

GENESIS — LESSON 20 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 35, verse 29 through chapter 36, verse 43.

1. Why did Esau move to Mt. Seir? See verse 7. “For their property had become too great for them to live together, and the land where they journeyed could not sustain them because of their livestock” (NAS).
2. According to Genesis 36:8,9, what was Esau’s family called after they moved to the hill country of Seir? “So Esau lived in the hill country of Seir; Esau is Edom. These then are the records of the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir” (NAS).
3. According to Genesis 36:31, who were the first to have kings, Israel or Edom? “Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the sons of Israel” (NAS).

Read Genesis chapter 37, verses 1 - 11.

1. How old is Joseph now? vs. 2 seventeen
2. What was his job? vs. 2 A shepherd with his brothers, as well as reporting to Jacob what his brothers did.
3. Jacob showed favoritism to Joseph by giving him a beautiful coat. How did this make the brothers feel? vs. 4 “And his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and so hated him and could not speak to him on friendly terms” (NAS).
4. **CHALLENGE:** What does 1 John 4:20, 21 say about love and hate? “If someone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates his brother, he is a liar. He doesn’t love his brother who is right there in front of him. So how can he love God whom he has never seen? And God said that one must love not only God but his brother too.”
5. **PERSONAL:** Playing favorites causes hurt to someone, because someone is always in second place. How do you feel when a friend likes someone else better than you?
6. **HARD:** Joseph had two dreams that were alike. Tell about them. vs. 5,7,9 “One night Joseph had a dream and then told it to his brothers... ‘We were out in the field binding sheaves. My sheaf stood up, and your sheaves all gathered around it and bowed low before it!’... Then he had another dream and told it to his brothers. ‘Listen to my latest dream’ he boasted. ‘The sun, moon, and 11 stars bowed low before me!’” [A prediction of things yet to come.]

7. Why were the brothers angry after Joseph told them his dreams? See verse 8. “Are you actually going to reign over us? Or are you really going to rule over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words. [cocky attitude]
8. What does Ephesians 4:26, 27 say about anger? “If you are angry, don’t sin by staying angry. Don’t let the sun go down with you still angry. Get over it quickly. When you are angry, you give a mighty foothold to the devil.”

Read Genesis chapter 37, verses 12 - 24.

1. What did Jacob ask Joseph to do in verse 14? “Your brothers are over in Shechem grazing the flocks. Go and see how they are getting along, and how it is with the flocks. Then bring me word.” [Jacob was probably concerned about what his sons were doing when we remember the rape of Dinah, and Simeon’s and Levi’s revenge in chapter 34. This is about a 40 mile trip from where they were living in Hebron.]
2. What was the brothers’ reaction when they saw Joseph coming? See verses 19,20. “Here comes that master dreamer,’ they said. ‘Come on. Let’s kill him and toss him into a well. We can tell Father that a wild animal has eaten him. Then we’ll see what will become of all his dreams!’”
3. Joseph is a picture of what the future Messiah would be like. Jesus had a problem with people hating Him too. What does Luke 6:11 say about this? “At this, the enemies of Jesus were very angry. And they began to plan His murder.”
4. According to 1 Corinthians 3:3, what is the cause of jealousy and strife? “You are still only baby Christians. You do what you want to do. You don’t do what God wants. You are jealous of one another and divide up into groups and argue. That proves you are still babies, wanting your own way. In fact, you are acting like people who don’t belong to the Lord at all.”
5. **PERSONAL:** If you have asked Jesus to be your Savior and given your life to Him, are you still wanting your own way? If you have not asked Jesus to be your Savior, why not do it today? Why not give your life to Him and let Him control you? Confess your sins; tell Him you want to give up having your own way and have Him control your life; ask Him to come into your life to help you live as He wants you to.
6. What was Reuben’s plan? vs. 21-22 “But Reuben hoped to spare Joseph’s life. ‘Let’s not kill him,’ he said. ‘We’ll shed no blood. Let’s throw him alive into this well here. That way he’ll die without our touching him!’ (Reuben was planning to get him out later and return him to his father.)”

Read Genesis, chapter 37, verses 25 - 36.

1. What did the brothers do after they tore off Joseph's coat and threw him into the pit? vs. 25
"Then they sat down for supper. Suddenly they noticed a string of camels coming toward them in the distance. They were probably Ishmaelite traders who were taking gum, spices, and herbs from Gilead to Egypt."
2. **CHALLENGE:** When someone is jealous or angry with you, what does Ephesians 4:29 say you should do? "Don't use bad language. Say only what is good and helpful to those you are talking to. That will give them a blessing."
3. When the brothers saw the caravan, they decided to sell Joseph. How much did they get for him? Where did the caravan take him? vs. 28 "So when the traders came by, his brothers pulled Joseph out of the well. They sold him for 20 pieces of silver, and the traders took him along to Egypt."
4. Reuben tore his clothes, an ancient custom of grief, when he returned and found Joseph gone. What did the brothers do? vs. 31-32 "Then the brothers killed a goat and spattered its blood on Joseph's coat. They took the coat to their father and asked him to identify it. 'We found this in the field,' they told him. 'Is it Joseph's coat or not?'"
5. What did Jacob do? vs. 33-34 "Their father recognized it at once. 'Yes,' he sobbed, 'it is my son's coat. A wild animal has eaten him. Joseph is without a doubt torn in pieces.' Then Israel tore his clothes and put on sackcloth. He mourned for his son deeply for many weeks."
6. The sins of hatred, unkindness and jealousy come from envy. What does Galatians 5:26 tell us how we should live? "Let's not look for honors or try to be popular. These things make people jealous and cause hard feelings."
7. What did you learn about jealousy?

GENESIS — LESSON 21

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 38, verses 1 - 11.

1. Find Adullam on your Bible map. How far do you think it is from Jerusalem?
2. What are the names of Judah's sons?
3. **HARD:** Why did Er and Onan die?

Read Genesis chapter 38, verses 12 - 30, with Matthew 1, verses 1 -3.

1. In Matthew 1:2 and 3, what names are listed that are also found in Genesis 38:6, 8, and 29?
2. **CHALLENGE:** According to Matthew 1:1, this is the genealogy of someone famous. Who is it?

Read Genesis chapter 39, verses 1 - 5.

1. **RISKY:** The last time we read about Joseph was when he was sold by his brothers at Dothan in chapter 37. Find Dothan on your map. Trace as far as you can to Egypt. This was a very long way from home. How do you think Joseph felt?

2. Who did the Ishmaelites sell Joseph to?

3. What was Potiphar's job?

4. Which verse tells us God was with Joseph?

5. If we have given our hearts to God, Jesus lives in us, He is forever with us. What does Psalm 139:9 and 10 say?

6. How did Potiphar know there was something different about Joseph?

7. What does Colossians 3:22 and 23 say about serving?

Read Genesis chapter 39, verses 6 - 18.

1. What did Joseph look like?

2. **HARD:** Why did Joseph refuse to obey Potiphar's wife?

3. Joseph did the right thing when he faced a hard situation. What does II Timothy 2:22 say?
4. When Potiphar came home, what story did his wife tell?

Read Genesis chapter 39, verses 19 - 23.

1. What did Potiphar do?
2. **PERSONAL:** How would you have felt if you were Joseph?
3. Can you think of another person in the Bible who suffered because someone lied about them?
See Mark 14:57.
4. **HARD:** This was another hard time for Joseph. But he was not alone. God was with him and caused him to be liked by the chief jailer. What does Romans 8:38 and 39 say?
5. **PERSONAL:** What does the above verse mean to you?
6. **RISKY:** What would you have done in Joseph's place?

GENESIS — WEEK TWENTY-TWO

LESSON 21 DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes Free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes Snack and group recreation: BARNYARD

Set boundaries: start, finish, play area. Choose someone to be IT. Divide everyone else into teams of two or three, depending on size of class. Each team chooses an animal that would be found on a farm. Chickens, roosters, cows, goats, dogs, sheep, horses, etc. When teams have chosen their animals, tell them to IT so IT knows what to call. Teams stand behind the start line. IT stands in the middle of play area between the start and finish lines. IT calls out an animal, such as COW. The team that chose COW tries to race to the finish line without being tagged. When a player is tagged, player stops and sits where tagged. Player then helps IT tag remaining players. Game continues from start to finish lines, and back again, as long as there are runners. If IT calls BARNYARD, all players run.

15 - 20 minutes Discuss LESSON 22

to end of class CRAFT: BREAD DOUGH SCULPTURES

Baker's Clay Recipe

4 cups flour
1 cup salt
1 1/2 cups water

Mix with hands and knead 6 minutes. Form shapes and bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Makes 1 batch for 5 kids.

Children create their own designs. If oven is unavailable, teacher takes them home to bake and returns them the following week.

GENESIS — LESSON 21 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 38, verses 1 - 11.

1. Find Adullam on your Bible map. How far do you think it is from Jerusalem? Not quite 20 miles southwest of Jerusalem.
2. What are the names of Judah's sons? Er, Onan, Shelah.
3. **HARD:** Why did Er and Onan die? vs. 7, 10 “But Er, Judah’s firstborn was evil in the sight of the Lord, so the Lord took his life... But what [Onan] did was displeasing in the sight of the Lord; so He took his life also” (NAS).

Read Genesis chapter 38, verses 12 - 30, with Matthew 1, verses 1 -3.

1. In Matthew 1:2 and 31 what names are listed that are also found in Genesis 38:6, 8, and 29? Judah, Tamar, Perez.
2. **CHALLENGE:** According to Matthew 1:1, this is the genealogy of someone famous. Who is it? “A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham” (NIV).

Read Genesis chapter 39, verses 1 - 5.

1. **RISKY:** The last time we read about Joseph was when he was sold by his brothers at Dothan in chapter 37. Find Dothan on your map. Trace as far as you can to Egypt. This was a very long way from home. How do you think Joseph felt? He was only 17. Answers will vary on this.
2. Who did the Ishmaelites sell Joseph to? vs. 1 Potiphar.
3. What was Potiphar's job? vs. 1 “He was a member of the personal staff of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. He was the captain of the king’s bodyguard.”
4. Which verse tells us God was with Joseph? verse 2a “And the Lord was with Joseph” (NAS).
5. If we have given our hearts to God, Jesus lives in us, He is forever with us. What does Psalm 139:9 and 10 say? “I might ride the morning winds. I might sail to the farthest oceans. But even there, your hand will guide me. Even there, your strength will support me.”
6. How did Potiphar know there was something different about Joseph? vs. 3 “Now his master saw that the Lord was with him and how the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hand” (NAS).

7. What does Colossians 3:22 and 23 say about serving? “Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men” (NAS).

Read Genesis chapter 39, verses 6 - 18.

1. What did Joseph look like? vs. 6 “Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance” (NAS).
2. **HARD:** Why did Joseph refuse to obey Potiphar’s wife? vs. 8-9 “Joseph refused. ‘Look,’ he told her, ‘my master trusts me with everything in the entire household. He himself has no more say here than I have! He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How can I do such a wicked thing as this? It would be a great sin against God.’”
3. Joseph did the right thing when he faced a hard situation. What does II Timothy 2:22 say? “Run from anything that gives you the evil thoughts that young men often have. Stay close to anything that makes you want to do right. Have faith and love with those who love the Lord and have pure hearts.”
4. When Potiphar came home, what story did his wife tell? vs. 17 and 18 “Then she spoke to him with these words, ‘The Hebrew slave, whom you brought to us, came in to me to make sport of me; and it happened as I raised my voice and screamed, that he left his garment beside me and fled outside’” (NAS).

Read Genesis chapter 39, verses 19 - 23.

1. What did Potiphar do? vs. 19 and 20 “Now it came about when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, ‘This is what your slave did to me,’ that his anger burned. So Joseph’s master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined; and he was there in jail” (NAS).
2. **PERSONAL:** How would you have felt if you were Joseph?
3. Can you think of another person in the Bible who suffered because someone lied about them? See Mark 14:57. [Speaking about Jesus] “And some stood up and began to give false testimony against Him” (NAS).
4. **HARD:** This was another hard time for Joseph. But he was not alone. God was with him and caused him to be liked by the chief jailer. What does Romans 8:38 and 39 say? “I am sure that nothing can ever separate us from His love. Death can’t, and life can’t. The angels won’t. All the powers of hell can’t keep God’s love away. Our fears for today, and our worries about tomorrow can’t either. It doesn’t matter if we are high above the sky, or deep in the ocean. Nothing can carry us away from God’s love that is in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

5. **PERSONAL:** What does the above verse mean to you? answers may vary. Although we may stray from God and His will and way, His love for us will continue. He keeps loving us and calling us back to Himself. His love is shown by the fact that Jesus suffered for our sins. His love is always there.
6. **RISKY:** What would you have done in Joseph's place?

GENESIS — LESSON 22

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 40, verses 1 - 6.

1. Potiphar put Joseph in prison. Who did Pharaoh send to prison?

2. The captain of the bodyguard put Joseph in charge of these men. What question did Joseph ask to show he cared about these men?

3. What does Romans 12:15 say about sharing in another person's emotions?

4. **CHALLENGE:** Hebrews 4:15 calls Jesus our High Priest. This verse tells us something else about Jesus. What is it?

Read Genesis chapter 40, verses 7 - 23.

1. Who did Joseph say helped him with his interpretation?

2. What did the butler's dream mean?

3. What was the favor Joseph asked of the butler?

4. Was the baker's dream as favorable as the butler's? What was the interpretation of his dream?

5. **HARD:** Joseph interpreted two dreams, one pleasant, the other a nightmare. Can you think of someone else who interpreted a pleasant dream and a nightmare?
6. Once the butler got out of jail, he forgot about Joseph. God did not forget Joseph. He does not forget about us. What does Psalm 33:13 - 15 say God does?

Read Genesis chapter 41, verses 1 - 14.

1. How long after the butler was released did Joseph stay in prison?
2. What was Pharaoh's dream?
3. **CHALLENGE:** Since Pharaoh's magicians couldn't figure out the dream, the butler told him about Joseph. Although Joseph was quickly summoned, what did he take time to do? Do you think he prayed during this time?

Read Genesis chapter 41, verses 15 - 36.

1. Joseph could have taken the credit for interpreting Pharaoh's dream, but he didn't. Who did he say gave interpretations?
2. Sometimes we boast about the good things we have done. What does I Corinthians 4:7 say about pride?

3. According to James 1:17 from where do our good gifts come?

4. Describe what Pharaoh's dreams meant.

5. Why was the dream repeated?

6. What was Joseph's suggestion?

Read Genesis chapter 41, verses 37 - 57.

1. Did Pharaoh follow Joseph's suggestion?

2. Joseph had God's wisdom. What does James 1:5 say about wisdom?

3. **RISKY:** Joseph became second-in-command after Pharaoh. He became famous. He even got married. He was 30 years old when he entered the service of the king. How long had he been in Egypt?

4. What are the names and their meanings of Joseph's two sons?

GENESIS — WEEK TWENTY-THREE

LESSON 22 DISCUSSION

- 15 - 20 minutes Free time — games, fellowship
- 15 - 20 minutes Snack and group recreation: RESCUE RELAY

Choose teams; then stand in single file behind the starting line. One player from each team stands at the opposite end of the room behind the goal line facing his team. Upon the signal, he races to the first person in his line, takes his hand and races back to the goal line. The leader stays at the goal line while the player just taken runs back to his team to get the next player. Continue the “rescue” in this manner, so that each player taken to the goal line returns to get another player until all players are in single line formation BEHIND the goal line. The first team to finish, wins.

- 15 - 20 minutes Discuss LESSON 22
- to end of class CRAFT: LAMINATED BOOKMARKS

MATERIALS

self-laminating sheets	rubber stamps
stamp pads	stencils
marking pens	yarn (6” strips)
hole punch	
plain paper (cut in desired size for bookmarks)	

Using the stamps, stencils, or marking pens have students make a book mark. Then laminate. Punch a hole into the top and draw a piece of yarn through, then tie near book mark to create tassel.

GENESIS — LESSON 22 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 40, verses 1 - 6.

1. Potiphar put Joseph in prison. Who did Pharaoh send to prison? vs. 2 The chief cupbearer and the chief baker.
2. The captain of the bodyguard put Joseph in charge of these men. What question did Joseph ask to show he cared about these men? vs. 7 “Why are your faces so sad today?” (NAS).
3. What does Romans 12:15 say about sharing in another person’s emotions? “When others are happy, be happy with them. If they are sad, share their sadness.”
4. **CHALLENGE:** Hebrews 4:15 calls Jesus our High Priest. This verse tells us something else about Jesus. What is it? “This High Priest of ours understands how weak we are. He had the same temptations we do. But He never once gave way to them and sinned.” [Jesus knows exactly how we feel; He’s felt the same things, but didn’t sin.]

Read Genesis chapter 40, verses 7 - 23.

1. Who did Joseph say helped him with his interpretation? vs. 8 “Interpreting dreams is God’s business.”
2. What did the butler’s dream mean? vs. 13 “Within 3 days Pharaoh is going to take you out of prison. He will give you back your job again as his chief butler.”
3. What was the favor Joseph asked of the butler? vs. 14 “And please have some pity on me when you are back in [Pharaoh’s] favor. Mention me to him. Ask him to let me out of here.”
4. Was the baker’s dream as favorable as the butler’s? What was the interpretation of his dream? No! vs. 19 “Three days from now Pharaoh will take off your head. He will nail your body on a pole. The birds will come and pick off your flesh!”
5. **HARD:** Joseph interpreted two dreams. One pleasant, the other a nightmare. Can you think of someone else who interpreted a pleasant dream and a nightmare? Daniel. Daniel 2:31-45, and Daniel 4:19-27. [Joseph and Daniel are the only Israelites who engage in the interpretation of dreams and both served a pagan monarch. Both gave glory to God.]
6. Once the butler got out of jail, he forgot about Joseph. God did not forget Joseph. He does not forget about us. What does Psalm 33:13 - 15 say God does? “The Lord looks down on mankind from heaven where He lives. He has made their hearts. And He closely watches all they do.”

Read Genesis chapter 41, verses 1 - 14.

1. How long after the butler was released did Joseph stay in prison? vs. 1 two years later.
2. What was Pharaoh's dream? vs. 1-7 "Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing on the bank of the Nile River. Suddenly, 7 sleek, fat cows came up out of the river and began grazing in the grass. Then 7 other cows came up from the river. But they were very skinny, and all their ribs stood out. They went over and stood beside the fat cows. Then the skinny cows ate the fat ones! Then Pharaoh woke up! Soon he fell asleep again and had a second dream. This time he saw 7 heads of grain on one stalk. Each kernel was well formed and plump. Then, suddenly, 7 more heads appeared on the stalk. But these were shriveled and withered by the east wind. And these thin heads swallowed up the 7 plump, well-formed heads! Then Pharaoh woke up again and saw it was all a dream."
3. **CHALLENGE:** Since Pharaoh's magicians couldn't figure out the dream, the butler told him about Joseph. Although Joseph was quickly summoned, what did he take time to do? Do you think he prayed during this time? vs. 14 "Pharaoh sent at once for Joseph. He was brought hastily from the dungeon. And after a quick shave and change of clothes, he came in before Pharaoh." [Yes, I think if he took time to prepare his outward appearance, he prepared his soul as well.]

Read Genesis chapter 41, verses 15 - 36.

1. Joseph could have taken the credit for interpreting Pharaoh's dream, but he didn't. Who did he say gave interpretations? vs. 16 "I can't do it by myself. But God will tell you what it means!" [Joseph gives God the praise before the event takes place.]
2. Sometimes we boast about the good things we have done. What does I Corinthians 4:7 say about pride? "What are you so puffed up about? What do you have that God hasn't given you? If all you have is from God, why act like you are so great? Why act like you have done something on your own?"
3. According to James 1:17 from where do our good gifts come? "Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God. He is the Creator of all light. He shines forever without change or shadow."
4. Describe what Pharaoh's dreams meant. vs. 28-31 "So God has showed you what He is about to do. The next 7 years will be a period of great prosperity throughout all the land of Egypt. But afterwards there will be 7 years of famine so great that all the prosperity will be forgotten and wiped out. Famine will consume the land. The famine will be so terrible that even the memory of the good years will be erased."

5. Why was the dream repeated? vs. 32 “The double dream gives double impact. It shows that what I have told you is truly going to happen. God has decreed it. And it is going to happen soon.”
6. What was Joseph’s suggestion? vs. 33-36 “My suggestion is that you find the wisest man in Egypt. Put him in charge of a nationwide farm program. Let Pharaoh divide Egypt into 5 districts. And let the officials of these districts gather into the royal storehouses all the extra crops of the next 7 years. That way there will be enough to eat when the 7 years of famine come, otherwise, disaster will surely strike.”

Read Genesis chapter 41, verses 37 - 57.

1. Did Pharaoh follow Joseph’s suggestion? Yes. vs. 39-40 “Turning to Joseph, Pharaoh said to him, ‘Since God has revealed the meaning of the dreams to you, you are the wisest man in the country! I hereby appoint you to be in charge of this entire project. What you say goes, throughout all the land of Egypt. I alone will out rank you.’”
2. Joseph had God’s wisdom. What does James 1:5 say about wisdom? “If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him. He will gladly tell you. He is ready to give wisdom to all who ask Him. He will not scold you.”
3. **RISKY:** Joseph became second-in-command after Pharaoh. He became famous. He even got married. He was 30 years old when he entered the service of the king. How long had he been in Egypt? 13 years; 17 when sold, 30 when promoted to second in command.
4. What are the names and their meanings of Joseph’s two sons? vs. 51-52 “Joseph named his oldest son Manasseh (this means ‘Made to Forget’). “The second boy was named Ephraim (this means ‘fruitful’).”

GENESIS — LESSON 23

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 42, verses 1 - 20.

1. Why did Israel (Jacob) keep Benjamin at home when he sent his other sons to Egypt?
2. Jacob's sons had to buy their grain from Joseph. What did they do which fulfilled Joseph's dream?
3. Joseph called his brothers spies. What was their response?
4. **HARD:** Egyptians did not believe in the one true God. If the brothers had been listening to Joseph's words, they would have heard a clue in verse 18. Can you find that clue?
5. After keeping them in jail for three days, Joseph released his brothers so they could return home with their grain. What did he ask them to do to prove they were honest and to get Simeon out of jail?

Read Genesis chapter 42, verses 21 - 38.

1. **RISKY:** What do you think the brothers were feeling according to verse 21?
2. **CHALLENGE:** Why didn't the brothers recognize Joseph?

3. When they stopped for the night, they found money in one of the sacks. What happened when they reached home and opened the remaining sacks?
4. How did Israel feel about letting Benjamin return to Egypt?
5. Genesis 42:37 tells us of Reuben's tenderness towards Benjamin. What does Colossians 3:12 say about being tenderhearted?

Read Genesis chapter 43, verses 1 -15.

1. The food brought from Egypt is almost gone. Israel wants his sons to return to Egypt for more food. What did Judah remind his father?
2. What was Israel's response?
3. Israel finally agreed to send Benjamin. What gifts did his sons take to Egypt?

Read Genesis chapter 43, verses 16 - 34.

1. In verse 14, Israel prayed for his sons. What does Philippians 4:6 say?
2. The brothers were afraid when they realized they were going to Joseph's home. What does Proverbs 29:25 say about fear of people?
3. **RISKY:** In Genesis 43:23 we have another clue to Joseph's identity if the brothers had been listening. It was given by Joseph's house steward. What is the clue?

4. Why did the Egyptians eat at a separate table?

5. There is one more clue to Joseph's identity if the brothers had been looking. It is found in verse 33. What is it?

6. Although Joseph's brothers had ears to hear the clues he gave to his identity, they did not hear. What does Matthew 11:15 say?

7. The Bible is filled with "clues" to show us how to please God. What does Psalm 119:9 and 11 say?

8. According to Hebrews 11:6 how can a person please God?

9. How does Ephesians 2:8,9 explain faith?

10. What does Acts 4:12 tell you about salvation?

11. What does Romans 10:13 say that name is?

12. How can this be done according to 1 John 1:8,9?

13. How does God make this possible? See John 3:16.

14. **PERSONAL:** Have you done this?

GENESIS — WEEK TWENTY-FOUR

LESSON 23 DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes Free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes Snack and group recreation: CATCH THE CANE

Choose someone to be “IT.” Remaining players form a circle with IT in the center. IT holds with tip of finger, in an upright position, a long pole, or cane. A broom handle will do also. Number those in the circle. IT calls out a number while releasing the pole. The player having the number must catch the pole before it hits the floor. If player fails to catch the pole, he becomes IT, and play continues. If he catches the pole, he returns to his place in the circle and IT continues to call another number. Game continues until decision is made to end.

15 - 20 minutes Discuss LESSON 23

to end of class CRAFT: SAND TERRARIUM

MATERIALS

colored sand (purchased at craft stores)
clear plastic cups, or baby food jars with labels removed
bowls (to pour sand in)
plastic spoons (to take sand from bowl and put into cup)
toothpicks or skewers

Pour a small amount of sand into bottom of plastic cup. Sand layers should vary in depth and color. Doing this creates unique and individual terrariums. Inserting the skewer at the first stage is used to form a repeated design, or you can wait for more layers. The scenes created will depend on the color sand used and the design created by using the skewer. To use the skewer, slowly push it into the sand making sure to keep it firmly against the side of the glass. Pull it away from the side of the glass and out, the sand will fall into the place vacated by the skewer. When you want to use a small amount of sand, a teaspoon or your fingers gives you more control to place the sand. As you add sand layers keep the center of the glass at the same level as the outside edges. Keeping the center full of sand holds your outside design in place.

GENESIS — LESSON 23 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 42, verses 1 - 20.

1. Why did Israel (Jacob) keep Benjamin at home when he sent his other sons to Egypt? vs. 4 “But Jacob wouldn’t let Joseph’s younger brother Benjamin go with them. He feared some harm might happen to him (as it had to his brother Joseph).”
2. Jacob’s sons had to buy their grain from Joseph. What did they do which fulfilled Joseph’s dream? vs. 6 “Joseph was governor of all Egypt, and in charge of the sale of the grain, so it was to him that his brothers came. They bowed low before him, with their faces to the earth.”
3. Joseph called his brothers spies. What was their response? vs. 10 and 11 “‘No, no,’ they exclaimed. ‘We have come to buy food. We are all brothers and honest men, sir! We are not spies!’”
4. **HARD:** Egyptians did not believe in the one true God. If the brothers had been listening to Joseph’s words, they would have heard a clue in verse 18. Can you find that clue? “Now Joseph said to them on the third day, ‘Do this and live, for *I fear God*’” (NAS, italics added).
5. After keeping them in jail for three days, Joseph released his brothers so they could return home with their grain. What did he ask them to do to prove they were honest and to get Simeon out of jail? vs. 20 “And bring your youngest brother to me, so your words may be verified, and you will not die. And they agreed” (NAS).

Read Genesis chapter 42, verses 21 - 38.

1. **RISKY:** What do you think the brothers were feeling according to verse 21? They may have been feeling guilty since they said among themselves, “This has all happened because of what we did to Joseph long ago. We saw his terror and anguish and heard his pleadings, but we wouldn’t listen.”
2. **CHALLENGE:** Why didn’t the brothers recognize Joseph? vs. 23 “Of course they didn’t know that Joseph understood them as he was standing there. For he had been speaking to them through an interpreter.” [Also, he was older; he was dressed as an Egyptian; they were not expecting to find him as a ruler, they thought he was a slave or dead.]
3. When they stopped for the night, they found money in one of the sacks. What happened when they reached home and opened the remaining sacks? vs. 35 “As they emptied out the sacks, there at the top of each was the money paid for the grain! Terror gripped them, as it did their father.”

4. How did Israel feel about letting Benjamin return to Egypt? vs. 36, 38 “Then [Israel] exclaimed, ‘You have bereaved me of my children. Joseph didn’t come back. Simeon is gone. And now you want to take Benjamin too! Everything has been against me.’ ... “But Israel replied, ‘[Benjamin] shall not go down with you. His brother Joseph is dead. He alone is left of his mother’s children. If anything should happen to him, I would die.’”
5. Genesis 42:37 tells us of Reuben’s tenderness towards Benjamin. What does Colossians 3:12 say about being tenderhearted? “God has chosen you and given you this new kind of life. He has deep love and concern for you. So you should have a heart full of mercy and kindness to others. Be humble and ready to suffer quietly and patiently.”

Read Genesis chapter 43, verses 1 -15.

1. The food brought from Egypt is almost gone. Israel wants his sons to return to Egypt for more food. What did Judah remind his father? vs. 3-5 “But Judah told him, ‘The man wasn’t fooling one bit. And he said, “Don’t ever come back again unless your brother is with you.” We cannot go unless you let Benjamin go with us.’”
2. How did Israel respond to Judah? vs. 6 “‘Why did you ever tell him you had another brother?’ Israel moaned. ‘Why did you have to treat me like that?’”
3. Israel finally agreed to send Benjamin. What gifts did his sons take to Egypt? vs. 11 “So their father Israel finally said to them, ‘If it can’t be avoided, then at least do this. Load your donkeys with the best products of the land. Take them to the man as gifts — balm, honey, spices, myrrh, pistachio nuts, and almonds.’”

Read Genesis chapter 43, verses 16 - 34.

1. In verse 14, Israel prayed for his sons. What does Philippians 4:6 say? “Don’t worry about anything. Instead, pray about everything. Tell God your needs, and don’t forget to thank Him for His answers.”
2. The brothers were afraid when they realized they were going to Joseph’s home. What does Proverbs 29:25 say about fear of people? “Fear of people is a dangerous trap. But to trust in God means safety.”
3. **RISKY:** In Genesis 43:23 we have another clue to Joseph’s identity if the brothers had been listening. It was given by Joseph’s house steward. What is the clue? “‘Don’t worry about it,’ the household manager told them. ‘Your God, even the God of your fathers, must have put it there. We collected your money all right.’” [MATTHEW HENRY, and J. VERNON McGEE said Joseph probably witnessed to the steward about his God, that is why he knew about their God.]

4. Why did the Egyptians eat at a separate table? vs. 32 “Joseph ate by himself. His brothers were served at a separate table. And the Egyptians ate at still another. Egyptians despise Hebrews and never eat with them.”
5. There is one more clue to Joseph’s identity if the brothers had been looking. It is found in verse 33. What is it? “He told each of them where to sit. He seated them in the order of their ages, from the oldest to the youngest. This amazed them all!”
6. Although Joseph’s brothers had ears to hear the clues he gave to his identity, they did not hear. What does Matthew 11:15 say? “He who has ears to hear, let him hear” (NAS).
7. The Bible is filled with “clues” to show us how to please God. What does Psalm 119:9 and 11 say? “How can a young person stay pure? By reading Your Word and doing what it says. I have thought much about Your words. I have stored them in my heart. That way they will hold me back from sin.”
8. According to Hebrews 11:6 how can a person please God? “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him” (NAS).
9. How does Ephesians 2:8,9 explain faith? “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast” (NAS).
10. What does Acts 4:12 tell you about salvation? “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved” (NAS).
11. What does Romans 10:13 say that name is? “For whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved” (NAS).
12. How can this be done according to 1 John 1:8,9? “If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (NAS).
13. How does God make this possible? See John 3:16. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life” (NAS).
14. **PERSONAL:** Have you done this?

2. Which brother is pleading for Benjamin's life and what does he say in Genesis 44:16?

3. Judah reminded Joseph they had done as he requested. He also told Joseph what would happen to his father if Benjamin did not return home. What suggestion did Judah make that might have pleased Joseph?

4. **HARD:** What does Isaiah 53:5 say about God's substitute?

5. **RISKY:** It is not easy to take the punishment for someone else's wrong doing. The Bible calls it love. What does John 15:13 say about this?

Read Genesis chapter 45, verses 1 - 15.

1. After Joseph heard Judah's plea he sent all but the brothers from the room and then he wept so loud, his crying was heard throughout the palace. What does verse 3 say he said to his brothers?

2. The brothers were shocked to discover Joseph alive. Which verse shows he tried to comfort them?

3. What did Joseph want his brothers to do?

4. Joseph promised to take care of his family for the next five years of famine. Where were they to live?

Read Genesis chapter 45, verses 16 -28.

1. Pharaoh was very kind to Joseph's brothers. He sent them back to Canaan with gifts, food, and wagons. What did he promise them when they returned? See verse 20.
2. According to verse 28, how did Jacob feel when he heard Joseph was alive?
3. Joseph saw his brothers had changed. He didn't hold a grudge. What does Matthew 5:44 say?
4. How does Luke 6:27 add to the thoughts found in Matthew 5:44?
5. **HARD:** Romans 12:9-21 tells us about the power of forgiveness and how we are to live in order to please the Lord. List those thoughts that have helped you.

GENESIS — WEEK TWENTY-FIVE

LESSON 24 DISCUSSION

- 15 - 20 minutes Free time — games, fellowship
- 15 - 20 minutes Snack and group recreation: HIDE & SEEK WITH A TWIST
- Choose someone to be “IT.” Select a place for all other players to stay while IT finds a place to hide. When IT is hidden, the remaining players try to find him. Any player finding IT, must hide with him. The last one finding the hiding place is IT for the next game.
- 15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 24
- to end of class CRAFT: TILE TRIVETS

MATERIALS

5” wooden plaques (heart shape, square, etc.)
assorted ceramic tiles (local tile store may have samples they will give you)

newspaper	paper towels
rubber gloves	grout
popsicle sticks	tile repair adhesive

Spread newspaper over work area. Put on rubber gloves (this will be a little sticky, but safer for the kids). Using the popsicle sticks, smear the under side of each tile with the adhesive. Then place on the wooden plaques, keeping the tiles a little apart, not touching. Once all the tiles are in place, wipe off the adhesive from the tops of the tiles with a damp paper towel. Allow to harden for 24 hours. Fill the spaces with grout. Can be used for a hanging or trivet.

GENESIS – LESSON 24 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 44, verses 1 - 13.

1. What was put in each man's sack of grain? The money he had paid.
2. Where was Joseph's silver cup placed? vs. 2 "He was also told to put Joseph's own silver cup at the top of Benjamin's sack, along with the grain money."
3. According to verse 7, how did the brothers feel about Joseph's accusations? "What in the world are you talking about?" they demanded. "What kind of people do you think we are? How could you accuse us of such a terrible thing as that?"
4. Which verse tells what the brothers said the punishment should be for the person who had the cup? vs. 9 "If you find his cup with any one of us, let that one die. And all the rest of us will be slaves forever to your master."
5. **CHALLENGE:** How do you think the brothers felt when the cup was found? vs. 13 "They ripped their clothing in despair. They then loaded the donkeys again and returned to the city."

Read Genesis chapter 44, verses 14 - 34.

1. Read Genesis 37:26-27. Which brother wanted to sell Joseph? "And Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is it for us to kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers listened to him" (NAS).
2. Which brother is pleading for Benjamin's life and what does he say in Genesis 44:16? "And Judah said, 'Oh, what shall we say to my lord? How can we plead? How can we prove our innocence? God is punishing us for our sins. Sir, we have all come back to be your slaves, both we and he in whose sack the cup was found.'"
3. Judah reminded Joseph they had done as he requested. He also told Joseph what would happen to his father if Benjamin did not return home. What suggestion did Judah make that might have pleased Joseph? vs. 33 and 34 "Please sir, let me stay here as a slave instead of the boy. Let the boy go back with his brothers. For how shall I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? I cannot bear to see what this would do to him."
4. **HARD:** What does Isaiah 53:5 say about God's substitute? "But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities: the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him and by His scourging we are healed" (NAS).

5. **RISKY:** It is not easy to take the punishment for someone else's wrong doing. The Bible calls it love. What does John 15:13 say about this? "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

Read Genesis chapter 45, verses 1 - 15.

1. After Joseph heard Judah's plea he sent all but the brothers from the room and then he wept so loud, his crying was heard throughout the palace. What does verse 3 say he said to his brothers? "I am Joseph!" he said to his brothers. 'Is my father still alive?'"
2. The brothers were shocked to discover Joseph alive. Which verse shows he tried to comfort them? vs. 5 "Don't be angry with yourselves that you did this to me, for God did it! He sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives."
3. What did Joseph want his brothers to do? vs. 9 "Hurry, return to my father and tell him, 'Your son Joseph says, 'God has made me chief of all the land of Egypt. Come down to me right away!'"
4. Joseph promised to take care of his family for the next five years of famine. Where were they to live? vs. 10 "You shall live in the land of Goshen. That way you can be near me with all your children, grandchildren, flocks, herds, and all you have."

Read Genesis chapter 45, verses 16 -28.

1. Pharaoh was very kind to Joseph's brothers. He sent them back to Canaan with gifts, food, and wagons. What did he promise them when they returned? See verse 20. "Don't worry about your property, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours."
2. According to verse 28, how did Jacob feel when he heard Joseph was alive? "And he said, 'It must be true! Joseph my son is alive! I will go and see him before I die.'"
3. Joseph saw his brothers had changed. He didn't hold a grudge. What does Matthew 5:44 say? "But I say love your enemies, too! Pray for those who treat you badly!"
4. How does Luke 6:27 add to the thoughts found in Matthew 5:44? "Listen, all of you! Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you."
5. **HARD:** Romans 12:9-21 tells us about the power of forgiveness and how we are to live in order to please the Lord. List those thoughts that have helped you. "Don't just pretend that you love others, really love them! Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of the good. Love each other like brothers. Enjoy giving each other honor. Never be lazy in your work. You should get excited when you serve God. Be glad for all God is planning for you. Be patient in trouble, and always

pray. When God's children are in need, you be the one to help them out. And get into the habit of inviting guests to your home for dinner. If someone hurts you because you are a Christian, don't curse him. Pray that God will bless him. When others are happy, be happy with them. If they are sad, share their sadness. Work happily together. Don't try to act big. Don't try to be important. Enjoy the company of plain folks. And don't think you know it all! Never pay back evil for evil. Do things in a way that everyone can see you are honest. Don't argue with anyone; be at peace with everyone as much as you can. Dear friends, if people are mean to you, don't try to get even. Leave that to God. He has said that He will pay them back. Instead, feed your enemy if he is hungry. If he is thirsty give him something to drink. If you do this you will be 'heaping coals of fire on his head.' That means he will feel bad about what he has done to you. Don't let evil be the winner. Crush evil by doing good."

GENESIS — LESSON 25

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 46, verses 1 - 7.

1. Using the wagons provided by Joseph and Pharaoh, Jacob took everything he owned and headed to what place? And what did he do there? Give verse.

2. God told him not to be afraid to go to Egypt. He promised to be with Jacob. God gives us a promise in the last part of Hebrews 13:5. What does it say?

3. What else did God promise Jacob?

Read Genesis chapter 46, verses 8 - 34.

1. Listed are Jacob's descendants. What was the total number of descendants going into Egypt? Give verse.

2. Which brother was sent to inform Joseph of Israel's coming?

3. **CHALLENGE:** Judah has played a big part in Joseph's life. What did he do in these verses?

Genesis 37:26-27

Genesis 44:16

Genesis 44:33

4. When Joseph received word Jacob was coming what does verse 29 say he did?
5. What were the brothers to tell Pharaoh they did for a living and why, according to Genesis 46:34?

Read Genesis chapter 47, verses 1 - 12.

1. Where did Pharaoh say Joseph's family should live?
2. What request did he make of the brothers?
3. What did Jacob say about his life when he met Pharaoh?

Read Genesis chapter 47, verses 13 - 31.

1. What does verse 13 say about the famine?

2. **HARD:** In the following verses list what the people used to buy grain:

verse 14

verse 16

verse 18

3. Who did not have to sell their land and why?
4. The people became servants of Pharaoh. Who are Christians to be servants to according to Ephesians 6:6?
5. **HARD:** God took care of Jacob and his family. This is a picture of how God takes care of the Christian when he receives His Son Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Explain in your own words what Romans 8:31,32 means to you.

GENESIS — WEEK TWENTY-SIX

LESSON 25 DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes Free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes Snack and group recreation: BASE TAG

Use a piece of cardboard to make one base per player. Scatter bases around the playing area. Choose “IT,” who stands on one of the bases near the center of the playing area. Other players each stand on one base. When IT leaves his base, so must the others. IT tries to tag a player before the player reaches a new base. Only one player may stand on a single base. If a player is tagged, he becomes the new IT.

15 - 20 minutes Discuss LESSON 25

to end of class CRAFT: RICE RABBIT

MATERIALS

For each rabbit you will need:

8 1/2” x 11” piece of muslin

1 cup rice

rubber band

Other items that may be shared:

chopsticks

glue gun

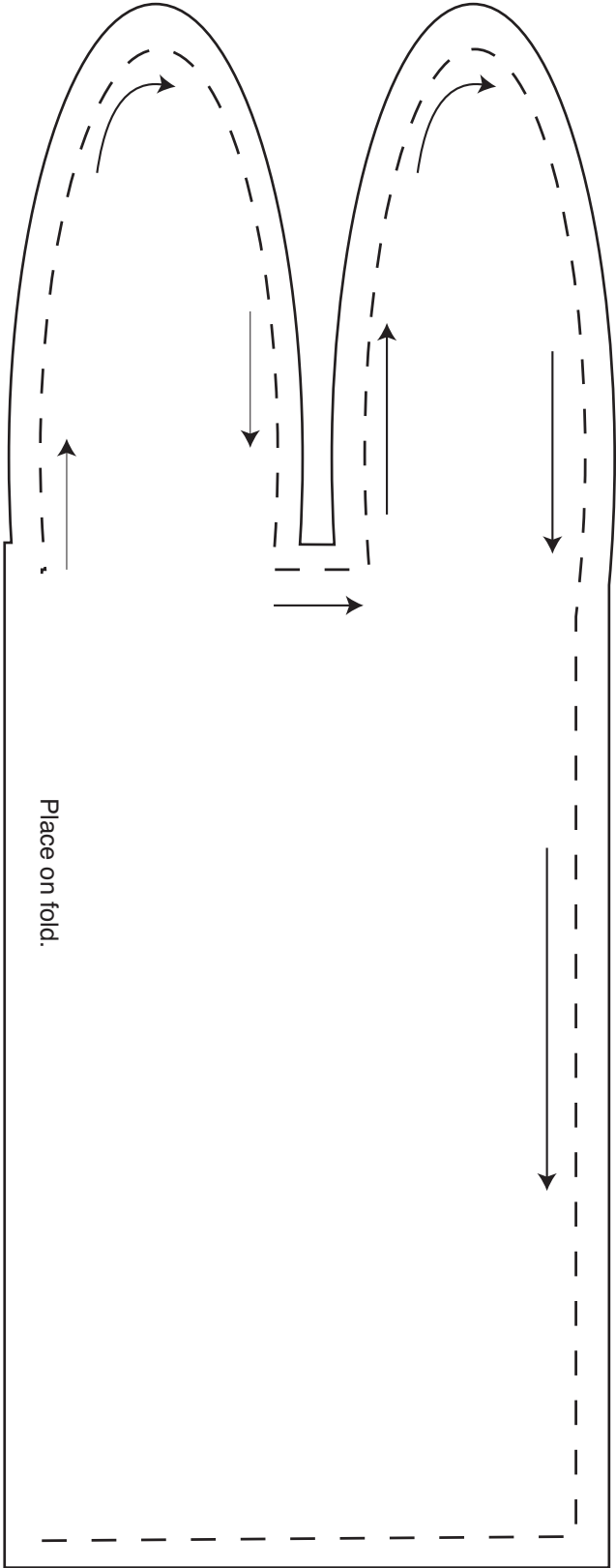
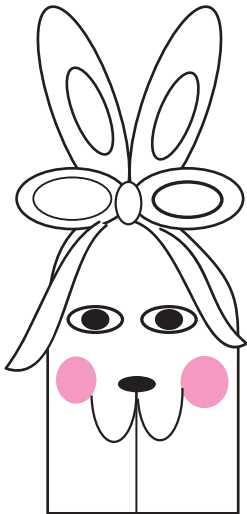
pink & red marking pens

ribbon



Before class, fold each piece of muslin in half, cut out rabbit pattern (see next page), and sew, leaving an opening at the bottom. Do not turn, let the kids do that in class with a chopstick. After turning, tie a rubber band at the base of the ears. Fill with rice, about 1 cup. Fold the bottom and hot glue seam. Add a face with the marking pens. Tie a bow with a length of ribbon at the base of the ears over the rubber band.

Pattern for Rabbit



GENESIS — LESSON 25 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 46, verses 1 - 7.

1. Using the wagons provided by Joseph and Pharaoh, Jacob took everything he owned and headed to what place? And what did he do there? Give verse. vs. 1 “So Israel set out with all that he owned. He came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices there to the God of his father Isaac.”
2. God told him not to be afraid to go to Egypt. He promised to be with Jacob. God gives us a promise in the last part of Hebrews 13:5. What does it say? “For God has said, ‘I will never fail you nor forsake you.’”
3. What else did God promise Jacob? vs. 4 “I will see to it that you become a great nation there. I will go down with you into Egypt. And I will bring your descendants back again. But you shall die in Egypt with Joseph at your side.”

Read Genesis chapter 46, verses 8 - 34.

1. Listed are Jacob’s descendants. What was the total number of descendants going into Egypt? Give verse. vs. 27 “With Joseph and his 2 sons included, this total of Jacob’s household there in Egypt totaled 70.”
2. Which brother was sent to inform Joseph of Israel’s coming? vs. 28 “Jacob sent Judah on ahead to tell Joseph that they were on the way, and would soon arrive in Goshen— which they did.”
3. **CHALLENGE:** Judah has played a big part in Joseph’s life. What did he do in these verses?

Genesis 37:26-27 He sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites.

Genesis 44:16 He pleaded for Benjamin’s life.

Genesis 44:33 He offers himself as a substitute.

4. When Joseph received word Jacob was coming, what does verse 29 say he did? “Joseph jumped into his chariot and went to Goshen to meet his father. They fell into each other’s arms and wept a long time.”
5. What were the brothers to tell Pharaoh they did for a living and why, according to Genesis 46:34? “Tell him, ‘We have been shepherds from our youth, as our fathers have been for many generations.’ When you tell him this, he will let you live here in the land of Goshen, for shepherds were despised and hated in other parts of Egypt.”

Read Genesis chapter 47, verses 1 - 12.

1. Where did Pharaoh say Joseph's family should live? vs. 6 "The land of Egypt is at your disposal; settle your father and your brothers in the best of the land, let them live in the land of Goshen" (NAS).
2. What request did he make of the brothers? vs. 6 "And if you know any capable men among them, then put them in charge of my livestock" (NAS).
3. What did Jacob say about his life when he met Pharaoh? vs. 9 "Jacob replied, 'I have lived 130 long, hard years. I am not nearly as old as many of my ancestors.'"

Read Genesis chapter 47, verses 13 - 31.

1. What does verse 13 say about the famine? "The famine became worse and worse. All the land of Egypt and Canaan was starving."
2. **HARD:** In the following verses list what the people used to buy grain:
verse 14 money
verse 16 livestock
verse 18 themselves as slaves, and their land
3. Who did not have to sell their land and why? vs. 22 "Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had an allotment from Pharaoh, and they lived off the allotment which Pharaoh gave them. Therefore, they did not sell their land" (NAS).
4. The people became servants of Pharaoh. Who are Christians to be servants to according to Ephesians 6:6? "Not by way of eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart" (NAS).
5. **HARD:** God took care of Jacob and his family. This is a picture of how God takes care of the Christian when he receives His Son Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Explain in your own words what Romans 8:31,32 means to you. "What can we ever say to such wonderful things as these? If God is on our side, who can ever be against us? God did not hold back even His own Son from us. He gave Him up for us all. Won't He also surely give us everything else?"

GENESIS — LESSON 26

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 48, verses 1 - 11.

1. Jacob is not well. In verse 1 who goes to see him?

2. Jacob remembers when God first visited him at Luz. According to Genesis 28:19, what is another name for Luz?

3. How does Genesis 28:12, 13a tell how God appeared to Jacob?

4. What was God's promise to Jacob in Genesis 28:13b?

5. Jacob adopted Ephraim and Manasseh as his own sons. They received a blessing from Jacob as his other sons did. What does Ephesians 1:5 say about adoption?

Read Genesis chapter 48, verses 12 - 22.

1. **CHALLENGE:** In addition to seeing Joseph again, Jacob is glad he saw Joseph's sons. Do you think his show of affection embarrassed them? (Remember they are both more than 17 years old.)

2. Jacob's father Isaac had bad eyesight and gave the blessing to his younger son. Who received Jacob's major blessing?

3. Jacob recognized God fulfilled a promise. Look back at Genesis 28:15. What is the promise?

4. What does Deuteronomy 31:8 say about God's presence?

5. Jacob is a very old man. He has learned humility, to trust God, and to love his family. What does 1 John 4:16 say about love?

6. What does Romans 13:8 and 10 say about love?

Read Genesis chapter 49, verses 1 - 28.

1. Why did Jacob call his sons together?

2. Reuben was Jacob's first born and was entitled to the birthright. What does Jacob say about Reuben's position in verse 4a?

3. Simeon and Levi were very cruel to the men of Shechem. What did Jacob say about them?

4. What are we told in Deuteronomy 33:10 about the tribe of Levi?

5. God forgave the tribe of Levi. What does 2 Peter 3:9 say about repentance and God's forgiveness?

6. Which tribe is going to live by the sea?

7. **HARD:** How is Joseph described?

Read Genesis 49, verses 29 - 33.

1. **CHALLENGE:** God wants to bless Christians too. What does Romans 4:7,8 say about God's blessings?

2. Where does Jacob want to be buried?

3. According to John 14:1-3, what is waiting for the one who has trusted in Jesus Christ for eternal life?

4. **PERSONAL:** Have you trusted Jesus Christ to be your Savior?

GENESIS — WEEK TWENTY-SEVEN

LESSON 26 DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes Free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes Snack and group recreation: BALLOON FOOTBALL

Divide into two teams. Assign a number to each player. Teams must have matching numbers. Mark two goal lines parallel to each other. Teams line up along opposing goal lines. Place a balloon between the two goal lines. The leader calls out a number. The two players with that number get on their hands and knees, crawl to the balloon, then try to blow it across the opponent's goal line. The loser must join the winning team. Game continues until all players are on one side; or the team with the most players at the end of game time wins the game.

15 - 20 minutes Discuss LESSON 26

to end of class CRAFT: FASHION PLATE OR GLASS

MATERIALS

newspapers	glass cleaner
paper towels	scissors
magazine pictures	Mod Podge gloss
paint/sponge brush (optional)	acrylic paints
white paper (to arrange picture layout)	
clear glass plate, cereal bowl or custard cup (from discount or thrift stores)	

Cover work area with newspapers. Clean back side of plate or outside of bowl or cup with glass cleaner and paper towels to remove fingerprints. Cut pictures from magazines and position them on the white paper. When working on the back side of the plate, remember to apply the pictures that will go in the front first. Background pictures go on last.

Place plate face down; working in small sections, apply a thin coat of Mod Podge with a sponge brush or fingers. Place pictures over this layer; smooth out bubbles/wrinkles with a damp finger or sponge. After all pictures have been placed, you may want to paint in a background or something else. Cover completely with a coat of Mod Podge and let dry. Project can be taken home, but should be allowed to dry overnight. These are meant for decoration only.

GENESIS – LESSON 26 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 48, verses 1 - 11.

1. Jacob is not well. In verse 1 who goes to see him? Joseph and his 2 sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.
2. Jacob remembers when God first visited him at Luz. According to Genesis 28:19, what is another name for Luz? Bethel.
3. How does Genesis 28:12, 13a tell how God appeared to Jacob? “Jacob dreamed that a staircase reached from earth to heaven. He saw the angels of God going up and down it. At the top of the stairs stood the Lord.”
4. What was God’s promise to Jacob in Genesis 28:13b? “‘I am the Lord,’ He said. ‘I am the God of Abraham, and of your father, Isaac. The ground you are lying on is yours! I will give it to you and to your descendants.’”
5. Jacob adopted Ephraim and Manasseh as his own sons. They received a blessing from Jacob as his other sons did. What does Ephesians 1:5 say about adoption? “[God’s] plan has always been to adopt us into His own family. He would do this by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And He did this because He wanted to!”

Read Genesis chapter 48, verses 12 - 22.

1. **CHALLENGE:** In addition to seeing Joseph again, Jacob is glad he saw Joseph’s sons. Do you think his show of affection embarrassed them? (Remember they are both more than 17 years old.) Genesis 41:51 mentions the birth of Joseph’s sons, before the years of plenty. Kissing among men was acceptable practice in the East. ANSWERS WILL VARY.
2. Jacob’s father Isaac had bad eyesight and gave the blessing to his younger son. Who received Jacob’s major blessing? Ephraim, the youngest.
3. Jacob recognized God fulfilled a promise. Look back at Genesis 28:15, what is the promise? “Always remember that I am with you. I will protect you wherever you go, and I will bring you back safely to this land. I will be with you always until I have finished giving you all I am promising.”
4. What does Deuteronomy 31:8 say about God’s presence? “And the Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. Do not fear, or be dismayed” (NAS).

5. Jacob is a very old man. He has learned humility, to trust God, and to love his family. What does 1 John 4:16 say about love? “We know how much God loves us. We believe Him when He tells us that He loves us dearly. God is love. Anyone who lives in love lives with God and God lives in him.”
6. What does Romans 13:8 and 10 say about love? “Pay all your debts except the debt of love for others. You should never finish paying that! If you love them, you will obey all of God’s laws. Love does no wrong to anyone. Love, therefore, is the fulfillment of the law.”

Read Genesis chapter 49, verses 1 - 28.

1. Why did Jacob call his sons together? In order to tell them what was going to happen to them in the days ahead.
2. Reuben was Jacob’s first born and was entitled to the birthright. What does Jacob say about Reuben’s position in verse 4a? “But you are unruly as the wild waves of the sea. And you shall be first no longer. I am demoting you.”
3. Simeon and Levi were very cruel to the men of Shechem. What did Jacob say about them? vs. 7b “I will scatter their descendants throughout Israel.”
4. What are we told in Deuteronomy 33:10 about the tribe of Levi? “The Levites shall teach God’s laws to Israel. They shall work before You at the incense altar. And the altar of burnt offerings.”
5. God forgave the tribe of Levi. What does 2 Peter 3:9 say about repentance and God’s forgiveness? “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance” (NAS).
6. Which tribe is going to live by the sea? vs. 13 Zebulun
7. **HARD:** How is Joseph described? vs. 22 He is fruitful; vs. 23 he’s been hurt and persecuted; vs. 24 he’s strong, he’s been protected by the Mighty One of Jacob; vs. 25 he’s helped by God, blessed by God; vs. 26 his blessings shall surpass all his ancestors.

Read Genesis 49, verses 29 - 33.

1. **CHALLENGE:** God wants to bless Christians too. What does Romans 4:7,8 say about God’s blessings? “He said, ‘Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven and put out of sight. There is joy for anyone whose sins aren’t counted against him by the Lord.’”

2. Where does Jacob want to be buried? vs. 29 “Then he told them, ‘Soon I will die. You must bury me with my fathers in the land of Canaan. Bury me in the cave in the field of Machpelah, facing Mamre. This is the field Abraham bought from Ephron the Hethite for a burial ground.’”
3. According to John 14:1-3, what is waiting for the one who has trusted in Jesus Christ for eternal life? “Jesus said, ‘Don’t let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God, now trust in Me. There are many homes in my Father’s house. I am going to prepare a place for you. I will come again and take you to Me. Then you will be with Me where I am about to go. If this weren’t so, I would tell you plainly.’”
4. **PERSONAL:** Have you trusted Jesus Christ to be your Savior?

GENESIS — LESSON 27

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's okay to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.

Read Genesis chapter 50, verses 1 - 14.

1. God made a promise to Jacob in Genesis 46:4. What part of the promise was fulfilled in Genesis 50:1? See Genesis 46:4.
2. Embalming someone was an Egyptian practice; only important people were embalmed. Who was embalmed and how long did this process take?
3. How long did the Egyptians mourn Jacob?
4. Joseph asked Pharaoh's permission to bury Jacob. Who went with Joseph?
5. Not all Jacob's family went to bury him. Who was left in Egypt?
6. Jacob's sons buried him as he requested. What does Deuteronomy 23:23 say about keeping a promise, or vow?
7. After they left Egypt, how many more days did they mourn?
8. To be sad when someone dies is normal. Death is not the only time we are sad. What does Psalm 56:8 say about crying?
9. **CHALLENGE:** Joseph and his brothers comforted each other, and were comforted by the Egyptians. What does 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 say about comforting others?

Read Genesis chapter 5, verses 15 - 26.

1. Why were Joseph's brothers frightened?
2. What did Joseph's brothers ask of him?
3. What was Joseph's reply?
4. RISKY: What does Romans 14:10 say about judging?
5. PERSONAL/HARD: Read Matthew 25:31-34. The sheep are a picture of those who have repented of their sin and have received the Lord Jesus Christ by faith. The goats are a picture of those who have rejected His forgiveness and decided to live by their own strength and plans. Who will inherit the kingdom of God? What are you — a sheep or a goat?
6. HARD: What does John 10:7,9 say you must do to be considered a "sheep in God's flock"?
7. Which verses in Genesis 5:15-21 tell how Joseph felt about his suffering in Egypt? What do they say?
8. How old was Joseph?
9. What did he tell his family about God before he died?
10. What did he make his brothers promise him?

GENESIS – WEEK TWENTY-EIGHT

LESSON 27 DISCUSSION

15 - 20 minutes Free time — games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes Snack and group recreation: BEDLAM

Divide into four teams of equal size. Each team takes one corner of the room or play area. The play area can be either square or rectangular. On a signal (e.g., whistle) each team attempts to move as quickly as possible to the corner diagonally across from their corner, performing an announced activity as they go. The first team to get all its members into its new corner wins that particular round. The first round can be simply running to the opposite corner, but after that you can use any number of possibilities: walking backward, wheelbarrow racing (one person is the wheelbarrow), piggyback, rolling somersaults, hopping on one foot, skipping, crab walking, etc. There will be literally mass bedlam in the center as all four teams crisscross. Alert your safety guards to referee the confusion in the middle where the lines cross.

15 - 20 minutes Discuss LESSON 27

to end of class CRAFT: FOOD DAY—HOMEMADE BUTTER, FORTUNE COOKIES, HOT CHEESE TOPPERS, VEGETABLE DIP

HOMEMADE BUTTER

baby food jar
crackers

whipping cream (cold)
knife

Pour whipping cream into jar about 3/4 full.
Seal, and shake jar until solid. Taking turns will speed the process.
Pour off any remaining liquid after butter ball has formed.
Spread on crackers.

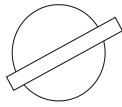
FORTUNE COOKIES

vegetable shortening
small bowl
3 Tbsp. softened butter
3 Tbsp. sugar

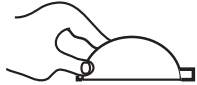
oven
3 cookie sheets
mixer
spoon

1 egg white
 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
 1/2 cup flour

verses on 3 1/2" x 1/4" slips of paper
 spatula
 glass



a.



b.

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Smear shortening lightly on 3 cookie sheets. Beat butter, sugar, egg white and vanilla in small bowl on medium speed until well blended. Stir in flour. Place cookies at least 4 inches apart on each cookie sheet, spreading batter with the back of a spoon to make a 3" circle. Bake 3 to 4 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Remove cookie from cookie sheet and place a verse horizontally in the center (figure a). While still warm, fold bottom half of cookie to top and press edges with fingertips for three seconds (figure b). Hold the top edge of the cookie and press center of fold over rim of the glass. Gently press sides down to bend cookie in the middle (figure c). Allow to cool before eating.



c.

HOT CHEESE TOPPERS

cheese
 apples, bacon bits, olives
 foil

wheat crackers
 salsa, pepperoni
 cookie sheet

Slice cheese to fit on top of crackers. Place on a foil lined cookie sheet. Place in 350 degree oven for 8-10 minutes. Remove and top with apples, bacon bits, olives, salsa, or pepperoni.

VEGETABLE DIP

2/3 cup sour cream
 2 tsp. Bon Appetit
 2 Tbsp. sliced green onions

2/3 cup mayonnaise
 2 tsp. dill seed
 2 Tbsp. parsley flakes

bowl
 spoon

vegetables sticks & pieces

Mix top 6 ingredients together. Chill. Serve with vegetables.

GENESIS – LESSON 27 ANSWERS

Read Genesis chapter 50, verses 1 - 14.

1. God made a promise to Jacob in Genesis 46:4. What part of the promise was fulfilled in Genesis 50:1? See Genesis 46:4. God said “and Joseph will close your eyes” (NAS).
2. Embalming someone was an Egyptian practice. Only important people were embalmed. Who was embalmed and how long did this process take? Jacob. 40 days.
3. How long did the Egyptians mourn Jacob? vs. 3 seventy days.
4. Joseph asked Pharaoh’s permission to bury Jacob. Who went with Joseph? vs. 7-9 All Pharaoh’s servants, the elders of his household; elders of the land; all the household of Joseph, his brothers and his father’s household; also chariots and horsemen.
5. Not all Jacob’s family went to bury him. Who was left in Egypt? vs. 8 “They left their little children, flocks and herds in the land of Goshen.”
6. Jacob’s sons buried him as he requested. What does Deuteronomy 23:23 say about keeping a promise, or vow? “Once you make the vow, you must be careful to do as you have said. For it was your own choice. And YOU have vowed to the Lord your God.”
7. After they left Egypt, how many more days did they mourn? vs. 10 “They observed a 7-day period of lamentation for Joseph’s father in Atad.”
8. To be sad when someone dies is normal. Death is not the only time we are sad. What does Psalm 56:8 say about crying? “You have seen me tossing and turning thru the night. You have collected all my tears. You have kept them in Your bottle! You have recorded every one in Your book.”
9. CHALLENGE: Joseph and his brothers comforted each other, and were comforted by the Egyptians. What does 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 say about comforting others? “What a wonderful God we have! He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy. He comforts us in our troubles. Why does He do this? So when others are troubled we can give them the comfort God has given us.”

Read Genesis chapter 5, verses 15 - 26.

1. Why were Joseph’s brothers frightened? vs. 15 “Now that their father was dead, [they] were frightened. ‘Now Joseph will pay us back for all the evil we did to him,’ they said.”
2. What did Joseph’s brothers ask of him? To forgive them of their transgression, their sin, for the wrong they did to him.

3. What was Joseph's reply? vs. 19 "But Joseph told them, 'Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, to judge and punish you?'"
4. RISKY: What does Romans 14:10 say about judging? "You have no right to hate your brother or look down on him. Remember, each of us will stand in front of God's Judgment Seat."
5. PERSONAL/HARD: Read Matthew 25:31-34. The sheep are a picture of those who have repented of their sin and have received the Lord Jesus Christ by faith. The goats are a picture of those who have rejected His forgiveness and decided to live by their own strength and plans. Who will inherit the kingdom of God? What are you — sheep, or goat?
6. HARD: What does John 10:7,9 say you must do to be considered a "sheep in God's flock"? "So He explained it to them. 'I am the Gate for the sheep.' He said, 'Yes, I am the Gate. Those who come in by way of the Gate will be saved. They will go in and out and find green pastures" (TLB).
7. Which verses tell how Joseph felt about his suffering in Egypt? What do they say? vs. 20, 21 "God turned into good what you meant for evil. He brought me to this high position I have today so that I could save the lives of many people. No, don't be afraid. Indeed, I will take care of you and your families.' And he spoke very kindly to them."
8. How old was Joseph? vs. 22: 110 years old.
9. What did he tell his family about God before he died? vs. 24 "But God will surely come and get you and bring you out of this land of Egypt. He will take you back to the land He promised to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."
10. What did he make his brothers promise him? vs. 25 "Then Joseph made his brothers promise with an oath that they would take his body back with them when they returned to Canaan."